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Gov't launches frantic search for new oil sources

By Christine O. Avendaño and Blanche S. Rivera

WITH world prices at record levels, the government has started a frantic search for new oil sources, both locally and internationally, to feed the country's growing fuel requirements in the next five years.

GOV'T/A21

Palace urged to sell off SUVs, other gas guzzlers

By Michael Lim Ubac, Christine O. Avendaño and Leila B. Salaverria

TO COPE with the looming oil crisis, Malacañang was urged yesterday to immediately auction off all government-issued sport utility vehicles (SUV) and other big engine cars.

Camarines Sur Rep. Rolando Andaya Jr. said a

PALACE/ A21

GMA, Estrada start reconciliation talks

Defensor says ousted President sets release as a condition

By Norman Bordadora and Luige A. del Puerto

FORMER President Joseph Estrada is now talking reconciliation with the Arroyo administration but has set the terms mainly that he would be released on recognizance by the Sandiganbayan.

And the first steps toward reconciliation could begin today at the Quirino Grandstand where the mammoth religious sect El Shaddai is set to hold a birthday Mass and prayer rally for its leader, Bro. Mike Velarde—an event to be attended by Estrada and most probably President Macapagal-Arroyo.

Estrada told the INQUIRER that should he and the President share the stage at the same time, he was willing to shake hands with his former Vice President.

Ms Arroyo, according to a Palace official, "had been invited [to the prayer rally] and it's possible that she will go." But it was not clear if the two leaders would be there at the same time.

In a dinner meeting with INQUIRER editors and reporters on Thursday evening, Environment Secretary Michael Defensor said Estrada told him that he would remain open to the administration's overtures toward reconciliation.

Defensor said there were reconciliation talks between the administration and the Estrada camp but negotiations are on hold because of the impeachment hearings in the House of Representatives.

Defensor said Estrada mentioned recognizance as one of his conditions as both parties moved toward a compromise.

Recognizance is when the accused is released without bail to the custody of someone of high moral standing in the community. It is usually granted to a person accused of a minor crime.

Estrada is accused of plunder before

GMA, ESTRADA/ A20

Bishop: It's hard to find Garci if not really looking

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr. and Nikko Dizon

ANTI-"JUETENG" crusader Archbishop Oscar Cruz suspects that the Arroyo administration is hiding former Election Commissioner Virgilio Garcillano because of what he may reveal in the event that he is forced to testify about the alleged fraud in the 2004 presidential election.

"It is highly improbable that he did his disappearing act without the direct aid of all those who are in power," the Lingayen-Dagupan prelate said, adding:

"He is being protected precisely because he knows too much. And if he squeals, some people might lose their seat of power.

"It is hard to find someone whom you are not looking for."

Cruz also said finding Garcillano was important in settling the "Hello, Garci" issue.

"This is a very strong moral issue because this is about integrity, honesty and the search for truth," he said.

But Malacañang wants the Bureau of Immigration (BI) to rush its investigation on how Garcillano was able to leave the country unnoticed.

"We have to know what happened and how Garcillano slipped [past the BI]. It is important that we come up with the findings as soon as possible," Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye said in an interview with dzBB radio.

But Immigration Commissioner Alipio Fernandez, whose fact-finding committee has reportedly been given a five-day deadline, said he saw no reason why the BI should carry the blame for Garcillano's flight. *(See story below.)*

"As of this point, I can't see any negligence [on our part]," said Fernandez, who stressed that all

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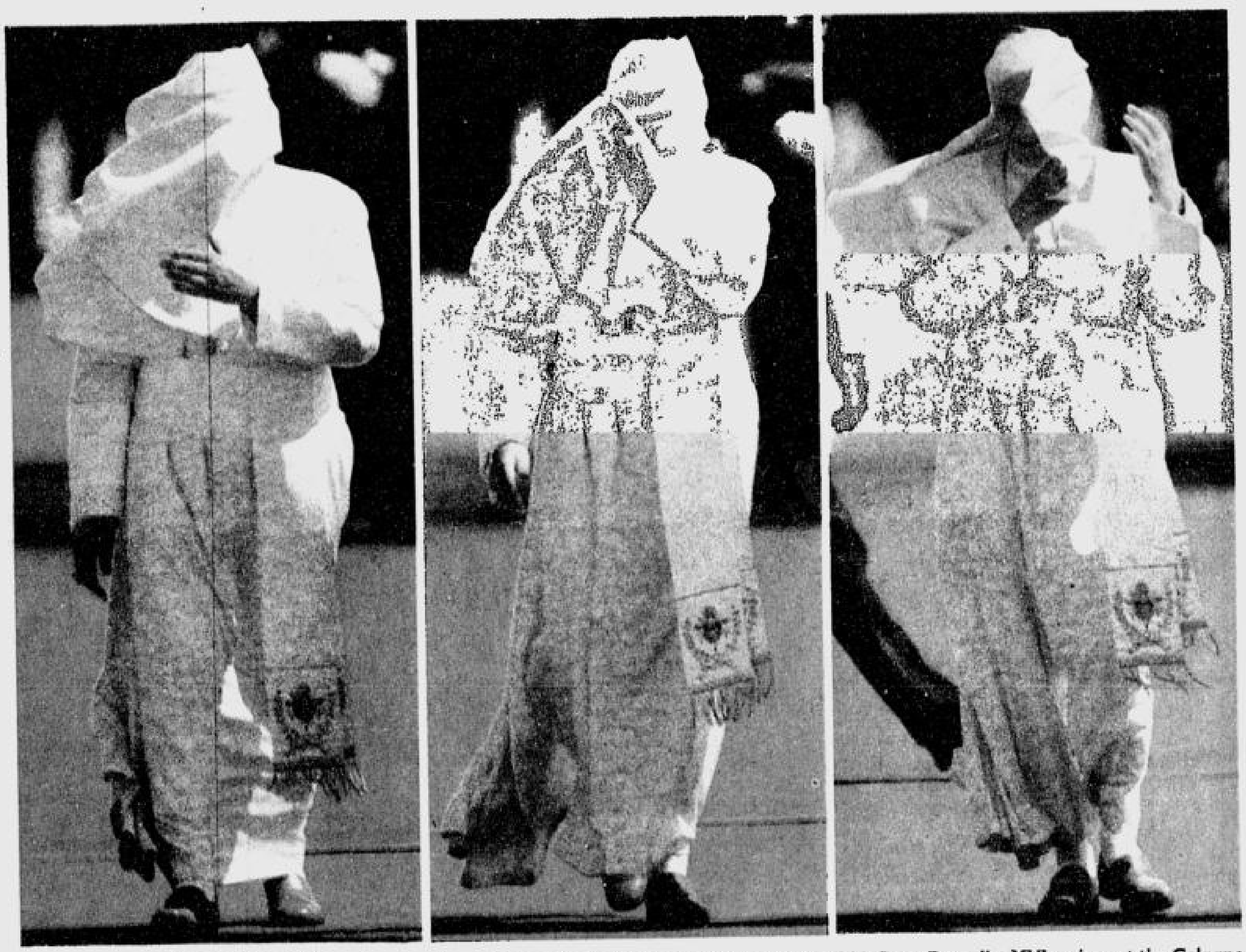

A RED CARPET WELCOME. On his first outing abroad since his election to the papacy on April 19, Pope Benedict XVI arrives at the Cologne airport on Thursday to preside over the four-day 20th World Youth Day, a global rousing event initiated by his great, late predecessor, Pope John Paul II. Though it's his first foreign trip, he's really returning to his homeland Germany. He's scheduled to visit a synagogue—only the second by a pope—following in John Paul's footsteps. *(See story in The World, Page A11.)*

AP

Immigration official denies helping Garci escape

By Leila B. Salaverria, Jolene R. Bulambot and Nancy C. Carvajal

IMMIGRATION Associate Commissioner Teodoro Delarmente yesterday said he had nothing to do with the issuance of travel papers that allowed Virgilio Garcillano to leave for Singapore as a source had claimed even as the INQUIRER obtained a report indicating he allowed a suspected terrorist to escape last May.

"I deny that I was involved in getting him [Garcillano] to leave," Delarmente told the INQUIRER by mobile phone from Cebu City. "I'm not part of the conspiracy to get him out of the country, if there was one."

Delarmente also said that in order to clear his name, he was willing to be investigated by the committee formed by Immigration Commissioner Alipio Fernandez Jr. to look into how Garcillano was able to flee.

He denied knowing Garcillano and expressed surprise at being linked to the man: "My wife called me up early this morning and told me I was on the front page of the INQUIRER. I was very surprised."

He made a similar statement to the INQUIRER in Cebu: "I categorically deny such an allegation. I don't know the source of the report. I was surprised by the banner story of the INQUIRER [yesterday]."

The secret departure of Garcillano, a former elections commissioner alleged to have rigged the 2004 polls in President Macapagal-Arroyo's favor, was not on Bureau of Immigration records.

On the inquiry of the Department of Foreign Affairs, the Singaporean government has confirmed that he arrived in the city-state on July 14 and left the next day for an unknown destination.

Garcillano is the subject of an arrest warrant issued last month by the House of Representatives, who is investigating the "Hello, Garci" tape.

He was put on the BI watch list on Aug. 4.

Delarmente said that during the week of Garcillano's departure, he was in his office in Intramuros, Manila.

IMMIGRATION/ A21

AFP admits lead role in raid, seizure of evidence

Dona Z. Pazzibugan and TJ Burgonio

DESPITE earlier denials of top government officials including Defense Secretary Avelino Cruz, Interior Secretary Angelo Reyes and AFP Chief of Staff Generoso Senga, the military admitted yesterday its intelligence arm led the raid and seizure of documents at an opposition safe house in San Mateo, Rizal.

The opposition would reportedly use the documents stored in the house to prove President Macapagal-Arroyo cheated her way to victory.

"Isafp (Intelligence Service of the Armed Forces of the Philippines) was conducting a legitimate operation in the area," said AFP spokesperson Brig. Gen. Jose Honrado in an interview.

He also admitted the operation was "not (an) internal security" matter, which could have justified the involvement of Isafp.

Honrado turned defensive when asked what Isafp was doing in such an operation. "Ask Tabayoyong why the documents were there. Why were the documents there?" he countered.

He referred to Segundo Tabayoyong, a document analyst and principal witness of vice presidential candidate Loren Legarda in her election protest against Vice President Noli de Castro.

Tabayoyong had also been commissioned by the opposition to examine the election returns, which were believed to have been "pre-

AFP/ A22

DAPAT NAKA-LUHOD HABANG NAGTE-TEXT!

Losing faith? Go hi-tech, text Mary

By Christian V. Esguerra

FIRST there were text jokes, then *pasa* load and now—*pasa* novena?

A religious group formed by the late Manila Archbishop Jaime Cardinal Sin has found another ingenious use for mobile phones in this texting capital of the world.

LOSING/ A22

GMA lawyer says seized election returns useless

By Jerome Aning

THE ALLEGEDLY fake and tampered election returns seized in a raid on an opposition safe house in San Mateo on Wednesday cannot be used as evidence in Loren Legarda's protest at the Presidential Electoral Tribunal, an election lawyer said yesterday.

Romulo Macalintal, election lawyer of President Macapagal-Arroyo and her spokesperson for the impeachment, said the subject of Legarda's protest against Vice President Noli de Castro were the Congress copies of the certificates of canvass, not the allegedly fake returns seized in the raid.

In a press conference, Macalintal said the alleged fake and tampered election returns produced by the opposition or those seized in a raid on the house rented by former NBI expert Segundo Tabayoyong's may not be used against Ms Arroyo or De Castro as evidence of fraud and irregularities.

Legarda had denounced what she called "a Gestapo-like" raid on the rented house of Tabayoyong and demanded the return of the confiscated documents, which she said were her evidence in her election protest. She said Tabayoyong, a former NBI handwriting expert, is her primary witness.

She described the raid as "blatant attempt to cover up the massive fraud committed by the administration party in last year's elections."

But De Castro said Legarda was barking up the wrong tree in holding him accountable for the raid, saying the raid was a purely "police matter."

"I don't know (Taboyoyong). Why am I being blamed for the raid?" De Castro told reporters after attending two events in Mala-

GMA LAWYER/ A22

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WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST: Mindanao will experience mostly cloudy skies with scattered rainshowers and thunderstorms. The rest of the country will have partly cloudy to cloudy skies with isolated rainshowers and thunderstorms mostly in the afternoon or evening. SOURCE: PAGASA

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Jarque, AFP maverick, dies in Jakarta at 40

By Fe Zamora

MAVERICK, coup plotter, graftbuster.

Former Army Captain Jose Rene Jarque, who once said that neither sword nor pen could stop corruption in the Armed Forces, died yesterday of cardiac arrest in Jakarta, where he has been working since 2004.

Jarque, who graduated from the US Military Academy in West Point in 1986, would have turned 41 years old on Oct. 14.

The only son of retired Brig. Gen. Raymundo Jarque, the young Jarque followed a military career that veered away from the traditional path. He found himself sympathizing with the plotters that mounted several coup attempts against the administration of President Corazon Aquino in 1987, and actually joined the attempt to grab power in 1989 which nearly toppled her administration.

Frustrated in the efforts to effect change through arms, Jarque in the mid-90s turned to writing articles about what he perceived as graft and corruption, mismanagement and lack of policy directions in the Armed Forces.

In one article in the Army Journal, Jarque exposed the practice of converting military purchases into cash, more popularly known as "conversion," wherein proceeds were pocketed by unscrupulous officers. He said the practice was a barefaced "malversation of funds" and violated military rules.

Jarque's exposé on "conversion" prompted senior commanders to have copies of the journal where his article was published put ablaze in a bonfire. Top military officials denied there was such a thing as "conversion," and denounced Jarque for unprofessional conduct.

RENE Jarque: Disillusioned, the young West Point graduate quit the military in 1998.
JOAN BONDOC

Disillusioned, Jarque quit the military in 1998, but stayed in the defense establishment until 2000 as a member of the Department of National Defense Management Committee.

Thereafter Jarque, who had an MBA from the Ateneo Graduate School of Business, joined a multinational firm that allowed him to work abroad. He came back to Manila in 2003 and joined groups advocating reforms in the military.

Last year, he left for Jakarta to take up an executive position that allowed him to visit Manila almost every month.

Last July, he wrote an analysis titled, "What's Wrong with the Armed Forces?" where he pointed out that generals who were indebted to President Macapagal-Arroyo for their positions had much to lose should she be ousted. "The higher you go up in rank, the more compromises you have to make, the more you become involved in unethical conduct and corrupted by the system," he said.

Jarque was also a convenor of Actions Against Tyranny and Corruption Now (ACT NOW) and was involved in Initiatives for Peace-Mindanao.

As special assistant to then Secretary of National Defense Fortunato Abat, Jarque helped develop the first defense policy paper titled, "In Defense of the Philippines," which advocated defense self-reliance and cooperation.

He also served under then Defense Secretary Orlando Mercado, where he crafted a defense strategy of "Defend-Respond-Build-Promote-Prepare," which called for a multi-functional armed forces for peacetime, crisis and wartime deployments.

He was also chief of Strategic Research at the Office of Strategic and Special Studies, and had published several papers on security and defense-military management.

He represented the AFP in international security conferences including the Asia-Pacific Roundtable, Council for Security Cooperation in Asia-Pacific, Asia-China Conference, AFP-Australian Defense Studies Center Conference and Asean Young Leaders.

While in the Army, Jarque was assigned to the First Scout Ranger Regiment, the 5th Infantry Division, the 77th Infantry Battalion and the Psychological Operations (Psyops) Group.

He authored the manual "Psychological Operations in Counterinsurgency" and co-authored a manual for Scout Rangers. He was a lecturer in AFP schools, getting several awards for Best Instructor.

He was Infantry, Scout Ranger, Airborne and Psyops qualified and received numerous awards and decorations for bravery in combat, including for wounds in battle, for effective leadership and management.

He was editor of the Army Journal, Cavalier, OSS Digest and OSS Research Series. *With a report from Cyril Bonabente, PDI Research*

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IMPEACHMENT

Let the whole House vote on issue – Joker

By Michael Lim Ubac

SAYING only a plenary vote in the House could give credibility to the impeachment process against President Macapagal-Arroyo, Sen. Joker Arroyo yesterday called on the administration-controlled chamber to let the process go unimpeded.

"There must be a credible vote in plenary, not at the committee level, because any decision of the committee will always be criticized. But the plenary vote (taken while the whole chamber is in session) will not suffer the same criticism. It must have a plenary vote to be credible," said Arroyo.

"Since they (members of the majority) claim to have the numbers, they should act on the opposition complaint so as not to be charged with muzzling the process," said the senator.

Arroyo apparently wanted an end to the endless debates over "prejudicial" or constitutional questions in the House justice committee spawned by the filing of three impeachment complaints in the chamber.

Although a member of the administration coalition, Arroyo said in a phone interview that allowing the amended impeachment complaint filed by the opposition last July 25 to be recognized by the justice committee would give President Arroyo her day in court.

The senator also reiterated his call for opposition lawmakers to produce the necessary warm bodies to allow the impeachment complaint to move up to the Senate for a trial.

He said the failure of the minority to gather the required 79 votes, or a third of the House, was the biggest stumbling block derailing the impeachment train.

Only 41 lawmakers signed the resolution of endorsement to the amended complaint. However INQUIRER sources put the actual number of pro-impeachment lawmakers at 67.

"No matter what the committee does, if there are 79 signatures, the (latter) can overrule the majority," Arroyo said. Once the justice committee voted down the impeachment complaint, he added, the plenary could reverse it by the vote of a mere third of the House.

"But it will go nowhere as long as they have no 79," said Arroyo. "If they don't have it, there's nothing that can be done."

But a member of the justice committee said the Supreme Court's "precedent-setting" ruling regarding the filing of an impeachment complaint should be followed.

Administration Rep. Antonio Cerilles of Zamboanga del Sur said the high court made a "clear-cut interpretation" that the first complaint filed must be the one subjected to scrutiny in form and substance.

Cerilles, a lawyer, said the Supreme Court, in Francisco Jr. vs. the House of Representatives, made it clear that the filing of the first complaint and its endorsement by a member of Congress already deemed the impeachment process as initiated.

"We need not bend the rule. The principle is first come, first served. We should be guided by the dictum 'whoever comes first is the one better prepared.' We have not talked about any evidence yet or about the suppression of such," Cerilles said.

Cerilles said the administration was not "depriving anyone here" of due process. "It is unfounded for the opposition to say the executive would bulldoze the impeachment complaint."

Cerilles called attention to the urgent manifestation dated Aug. 8 by the original impeachment complainant, lawyer Oliver Lozano, who urged that his complaint be treated and given due course separately from the amended complaint.

Cerilles noted that Lozano himself recognized that his complaint could stand by itself.

"It can stand on its own, ergo the Lozano complaint has to be taken separately from the third or amended complaint."

"Lozano's urgent manifestation for the justice panel to act separately on his impeachment complaint was an acknowledgement that the amended complaint was totally different from his complaint," said Cerilles.

"This provides another reason why the Lozano complaint should be the one subjected to scrutiny in form and substance since it was filed ahead of and separately from the second and amended complaints," he added.

Miaa to commemorate Ninoy death anniversary

By Nikko Dizon

THE MANILA International Airport Authority (Miaa) will commemorate tomorrow the 22nd death anniversary of former Sen. Benigno "Ninoy" Aquino, Jr.

The country's premier international airport is named after Aquino, then the leading opposition figure against the late strongman, Ferdinand Marcos.

Aquino was assassinated on Aug. 21, 1983 upon returning from exile in the United States.

In a statement, the Miaa said a Mass will be held at 9 a.m. at the ramp of Bay 11 of the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (Naia), the exact location where the former senator was shot dead.

It would be followed by a wreath laying ceremony at the ramp led by the late senator's siblings, Rep. Agapito "Butz" Aquino and former senator Tessie Aquino-Oreta.

They will be joined by Miaa officials led by general manager Alfonso Cusi and former airport chief and August Twenty One Movement (ATOM) pioneer Reli German, and the Ninoy Aquino Movement Serve (NAMServe).

Susan to mark FPJ birthday today with lunch for orphans

ORPHANS who used to share a meal with Fernando Poe Jr. on his birthday will find themselves lunching with his widow, Susan Roces today—the late actor's 66th birthday.

Continuing FPJ's tradition, Ms Roces' lunch is strictly "not for publication," according to a source close to her. "It will be with family members only."

Ms Roces will host lunch at an undisclosed orphanage following mass at Quiapo Church and a visit to Poe's tomb at the North Cemetery.

Poe died last December from massive cardiac arrest.

Movie actor Rez Cortez, head of the FPJ volunteers organization, said Poe volunteers would hold a mass at the Sto. Domingo Church at 10 a.m. before proceeding to Poe's tomb at the North Cemetery.

"It will be a small gathering, and if we can afford it, we might have a pot-luck lunch," Cortez said.

The closest rival to Ms Arroyo during the May elections, Poe died pending his electoral protest before the President Electoral Tribunal.

But the PET later junked Poe's complaint as well as his widow's petition to substitute for him.

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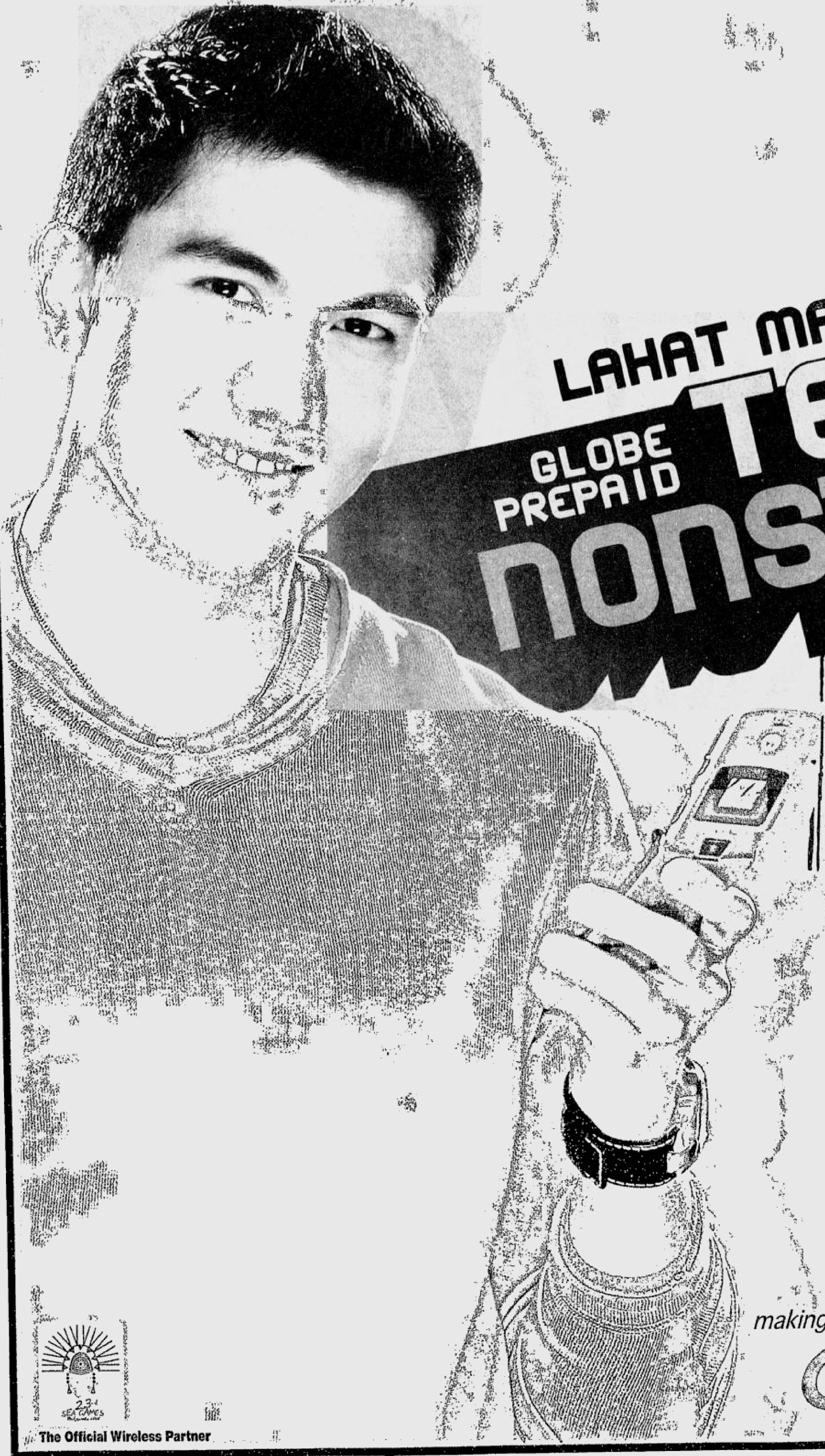

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LTO can't seize plates of parked cars, says CA

By Tetch Torres
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THE COURT of Appeals (CA) has affirmed a ruling of the Quezon City Regional Trial Court that prohibits the Land Transportation Office (LTO) from confiscating the license plates of illegally parked vehicles.

In a 17-page decision, the CA Special 5th Division upheld the lower court's decision finding illegal Memorandum Circular No. 33 dated Sept. 12, 1974 and Special Order No. 101-A dated Oct. 23, 1973, which allow the confiscation of license plates as a penalty.

The CA, in a decision penned by Associate Justice Ruben Reyes, said both the order and the circular violated the Land Transportation and Traffic Code.

"It is clear that LTO exceeded its rule-making powers when it authorized, through its memorandum circulars, the confiscation of license plates of illegally parked vehicles," Reyes said.

"Illegal parking and obstruction of traffic are violations of traffic laws defined and punished in RA [Republic Act] 4136. However, an examination of the law does not provide for the confiscation of the offending vehicle's license plates."

The case stemmed from the complaint of a certain Roel Eric Garcia in 1999 after an LTO traffic enforcer confiscated his vehicle's license plate when he parked in a vacant lot near the Manila airport.

WIN-WIN SOLUTION

DENR eyes just one ECC for Subic

By Blanche S. Rivera

THE DEPARTMENT of Environment and Natural Resources is considering giving just one environmental compliance certificate for the entire Subic Bay Freeport zone.

The DENR, which signed an agreement with the Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority asserting its authority to issue ECCs in the area, said it would propose an environmental assessment study to the SBMA to see if the Freeport zone passed DENR standards.

If the zone meets the DENR criteria, the national agency could issue a blanket ECC for the SBMA instead of evaluating separately the 300 locators in the area.

"That would be better for both offices. We lack the manpower and we also do not want to disrupt their operations," Environmental Management Bureau executive director Lolibeth Medrano said.

She said the DENR-EMB and SMBA would discuss the proposal next week.

Medrano said the EIA would determine whether the Subic zone did not pose any threats to the environment.

If the DENR issues the ECC to SBMA, the latter would then have the authority to decide which locators in the area would be allowed to operate based on DENR standards.

"The SBMA can issue individual permits to indicate that they can operate. It can be any instrument as long as they don't call it ECC," Medrano said.

The SBMA would be held liable for any violation committed by its locators, she said.

The DENR and SBMA have been involved in jurisdictional row over the issuance of ECCs in the Freeport zone.

The Court of Appeals ruled with finality last year that the DENR and not the SBMA's ecology center has the authority to issue ECCs to locators in Subic.

FALSE killer whale performs at the Ocean Adventure Park in Subic. BETOY JOHNSON

Senga says AFP streamlining under review

By Dona Z. Pazzibugan

NEWLY installed Armed Forces Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Generoso Senga said an earlier decision to trim down the military bureaucracy is under review.

Senga, who assumed the post on Aug. 15, said the AFP is gathering feedback from field officers on the reforms introduced by his predecessor, retired Gen. Efren Abu.

"It's part of the process. The review started when (General Abu) was still the chief of staff. It's ongoing," Senga told reporters in Camp Aguinaldo yesterday.

He said the AFP wants to see if the bureaucratic streamlining proved to be "the better system."

Based on his experience as Army chief, Senga said the streamlining worked for them. "It was very okay," he said.

When Abu became AFP chief of staff in October 2004, he immediately abolished the AFP comptrollership office or J-6 after the last chief comptroller, retired Maj. Gen. Carlos Garcia was accused of amassing unexplained wealth during his term of office.

Abu later trimmed the number of Joint Staff offices in the general headquarters in Camp Aguinaldo from 11 to seven. The streamlining was effected down the line among the three major services (Army, Navy, Air Force) and the unified area commands.

Abu also abolished the AFP Logistics Command, which has long been perceived as a source of corruption, and decentralized the procurement system.

Fastest 'pancit' eater breaks record

TUGUEGARAO CITY—The fastest *pancit* eater in Cagayan broke his record and kept his crown at the Pancit Festival on Tuesday.

Leonardo Fuggan won in 2003 by consuming three-fourth kg of steaming noodles in two big plates in 1.39 minutes. In 2004, he made it in 1.25 minutes. This year, he wolfed it in 1.08 minutes.

In the women's division, Benita Insuma was declared the winner when she downed the noodles in 1.10 minutes. She regained the title she lost last year.

Tourists from Metro Manila who crowded the St. Peter's Cathedral patio to watch the contest, cheered Jonathan Galvez as he gobbled up *pancit* with hot pepper in 1.19 minutes.

Heaviest eater, the new category for this year's festival, was Ardie Buguina who ate 1.8 kg of steaming *pancit*.

This was the third year that this city held the festival.

Fifteen cooks from Tuguegarao's best *panciterias* used large vats to cook the noodles.

"We will continue to add features of the festival until we qualify for the Guinness Book of World Records," said Mayor Randolph Ting. *Estanislao Caldez, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*

Correction

IN THE story "Illegal drugs lab raided in Caloocan" which appeared yesterday on Page A23 of the Metro Section, the address of the abandoned warehouse should have been 27 Tirad Pass and Evangelista Streets, Barangay 137, Bagong Barrio and not 24 Tirad Pass and Evangelista Streets, Barangay 137, Bagong Barrio.

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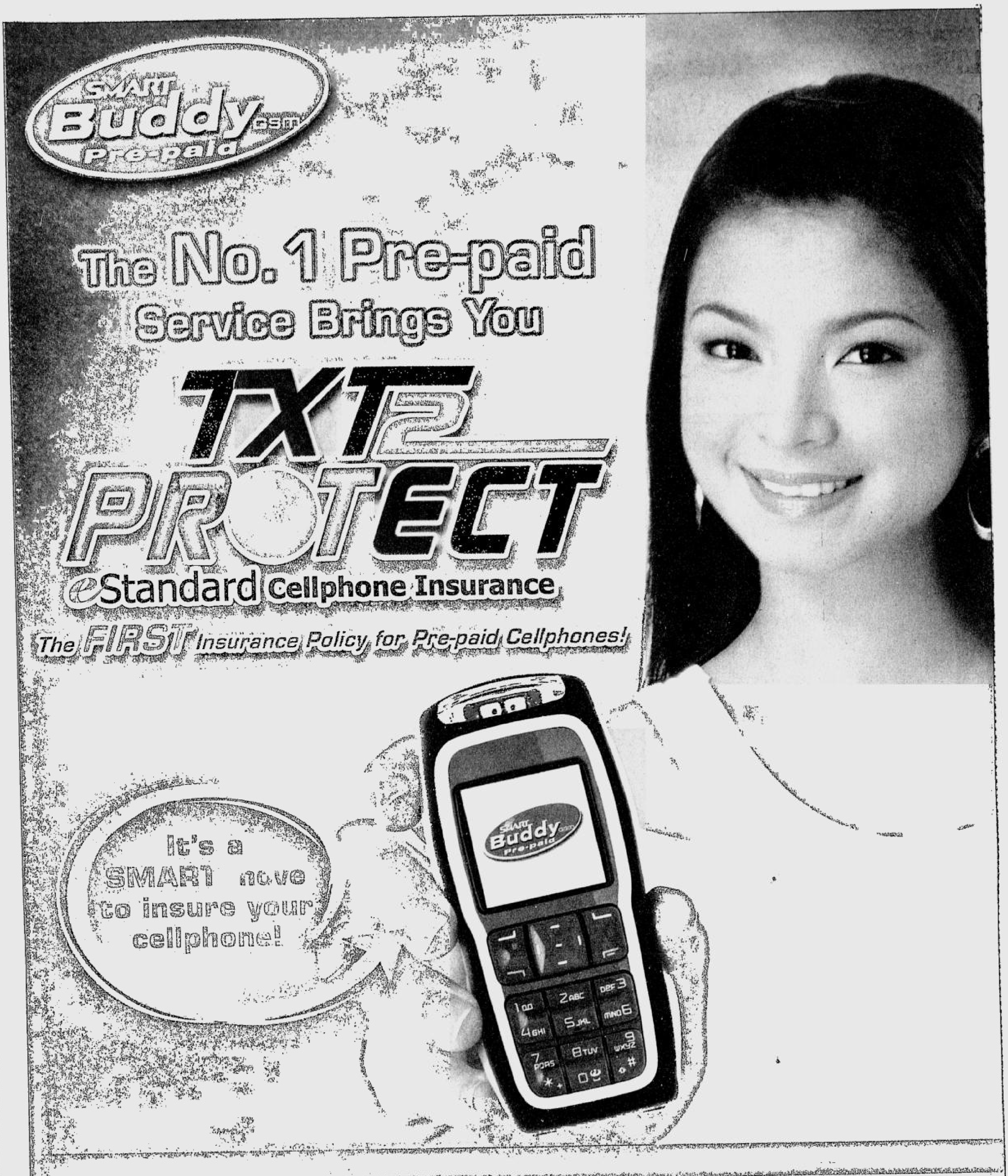
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Ex-mayor gets 64 years in jail for hiring cousins

By Nelson F. Flores

A FORMER town mayor in Cebu was sentenced to serve 64 years in jail for hiring two cousins as plumber and maintenance man.

In a 23-page decision penned by Associate Justice Diosdado Peralta, the Sandiganbayan found Paulino Ong guilty of falsification of public documents on eight counts. The antigraft court also ordered Ong to pay a fine of P40,000.

Records showed that Ong, former mayor of Naga town, lied about his kinship with two co-accused, Rosalio Galeos and Federico Rivera. He appointed Galeos as construction and maintenance man, and Rivera as plumber.

The court sentenced Galeos to 32 years in jail and Rivera 24 years in jail. Rivera died in 2003 but the court was not informed of his death.

Government lawyers were able to prove that Ong and Galeos were cousins – their mothers are sisters. Ong did not disclose the relationship when he filed his Statement of Assets, Liabilities and Net Worth, and a declaration identifying relatives in government service.

Veep visits Cruz: Nothing political

De Castro denies he was acting as emissary for GMA

By Yolanda Sotelo-Fuertes
PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

DAGUPAN CITY – Vice President Noli de Castro visited Lingayen-Dagupan Archbishop Oscar Cruz on Thursday but said there was "nothing political" about the meeting.

De Castro also denied he was acting as an emissary of President Macapagal-Arroyo.

Cruz, who spearheads a campaign against the illegal numbers game "jueteng," is an outspoken critic of the President.

De Castro said the bishop "blessed him" but said it was not because he was seeking the prelate's help in case he becomes President.

"We did not talk about the presidency. We merely chatted," De Castro told reporters who waited for him outside the archbishop's palace where he stayed for about 30 minutes talking with Cruz.

He said the President did not know that he was calling on Cruz.

"I came to visit because there was a chance," he said.

In the morning, De Castro visited the housing projects in Bugallon town and the resettlement housing program of the provincial government in Lingayen town.

He also conferred with Pangasinan Gov. Victor Agbayani about the province's housing programs.

Cruz told reporters that the Vice President came only to say hello because "he found some spare time" to see him.

"It was a 'how are you, its good to see you' kind of visit. Nothing political," Cruz said. "He was not representing anybody. He never mentioned the President."

De Castro has apparently earned the good will of Cruz because he signed the anti-jueteng covenant that Cruz prepared during the campaign for the 2004 elections.

Among the presidential and vice presidential candidates then, only the late Fernando Poe Jr. and De Castro signed the covenant.

De Castro said they talked about "jueteng" and how the illegal numbers game was resurgent in some places of the country.

The Vice President last saw Cruz during the 2004 elections when the prelate gave him a pocket-sized picture of Jesus, Joseph and Mary.

"He asked me about it and what I do with it. I showed it to him and told him I touch it every time the going gets rough," De Castro said in Filipino.

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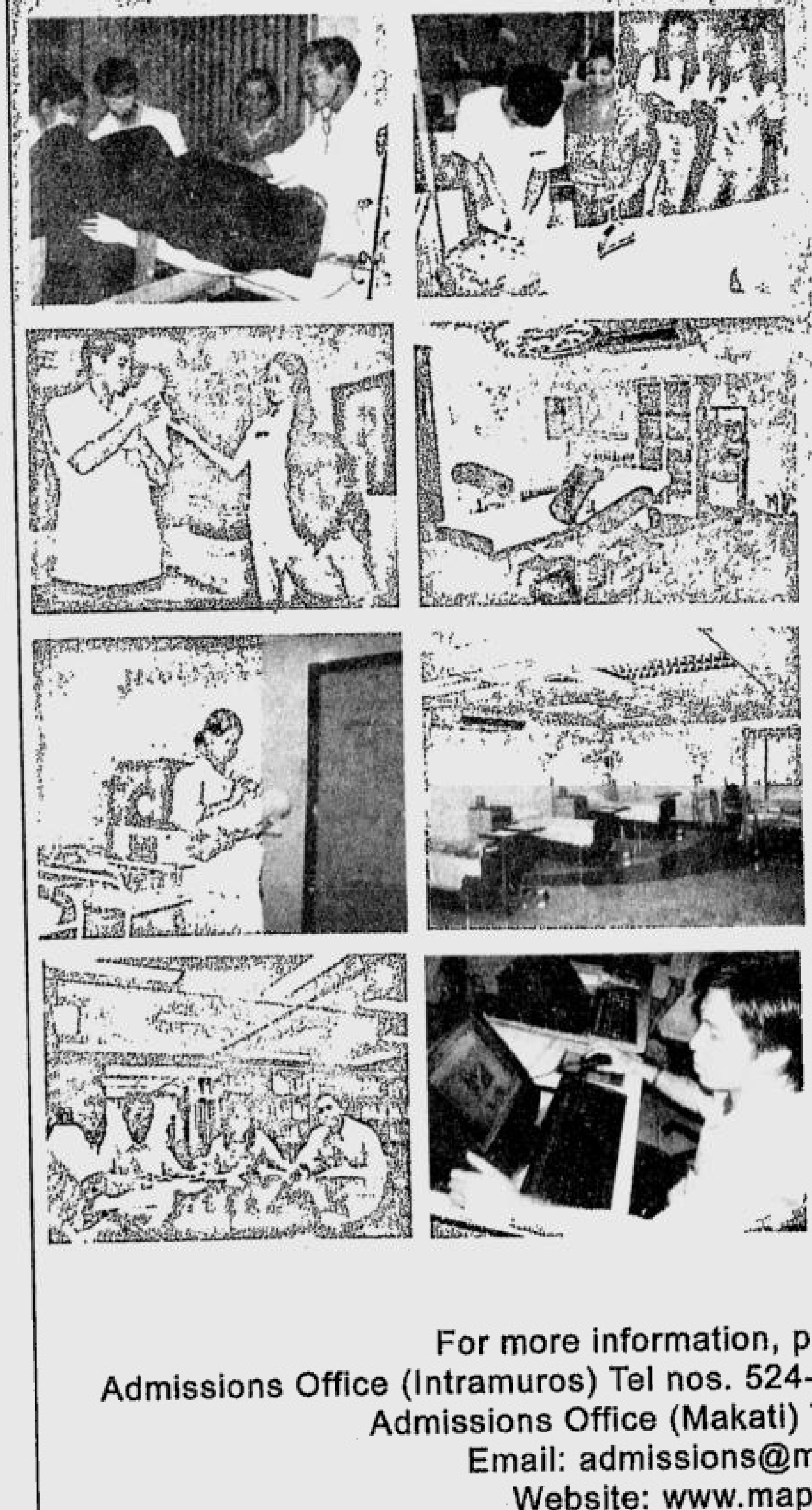

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New graft charges filed against Abadia

By Nelson F. Flores

THE OFFICE of the Ombudsman filed on Thursday new charges against former armed forces chief Lisandro Abadia in a bid to recover his alleged ill-gotten wealth.

This time Assistant Special Prosecutor Elvira Chua, in separate complaints lodged before the Sandiganbayan, claimed that Abadia committed perjury twice in violation of Article 183 of the Revised Penal Code (the law on Perjury).

In the first instance, Chua said Abadia on April 29, 1993 executed before an officer authorized to administer oaths that his family income during the calendar year 1992 includes the proceeds of sale of real property amounting to P2.550 million. She said the claim is false for "there is no evidence to prove that he earned the said amount from the sale of real property."

Chua further alleged that on April 12 of the following year, Abadia filed his SALN, supposedly for the year ending on Dec. 31, 1993, declaring that his family income includes the gain on sales of stocks in Palawan Oil and Gas Corporation for P4.264,971.00.

She said the claim is also false because "the said amount was earned only in 1994 and was only included in his SALN for the year ending Dec. 31, 1993 to justify the remarkable increase in his net worth by P7.135 million."

In both cases, Chua recommended a P6,000 bail for Abadia.

Earlier, Abadia and eight others were charged with graft also before the antigraft court.

The charges stemmed from the alleged anomalous P277 million transaction of the Retirement and Separation Benefits System.

Special Prosecutor Dennis Villa-Ignacio and Deputy Ombudsman for the military Orlando Casimiro, in a 15-page resolution, approved Abadia's indictment after finding probable cause that graft acts were committed when the AFP-RSBS approved a P197 million corporate guarantee and an P80 million short-term loan for Marilaque Land Inc. (MLI).

Villa-Ignacio said Abadia, as head of the RSBS Board of Trustees, approved the loans even without the approval of the defense secretary and even after the RSBS executive committee already initially disapproved the said loan proposal.

He further said the "MLI loan was a losing proposition from the very start, yet the RSBS Board of Trustees went on to grant the loan proposal.

Villa-Ignacio added that, "By approving the loan of MLI, without taking into consideration the heavy and serious negative impact of the loan to RSBS, the Board of Trustees had placed the system and the government into a very disadvantageous position."

Abadia, in defending the loan, said the case is "merely harassment," noting that the charges were "old, resurrected and rehashed issues" which is nothing but a "complaint for political purposes with no regard for the truth."

Ombudsman records showed that the RSBS approved the loan on December 2001. Under the loan agreement, MLI was allowed to pay its obligation of P134 million through dacion en pago (a payment through asset scheme) even if its asset is only worth P113.9 million or P20.3 million short from the loaned amount.

Aside from Abadia and retired Brig. Gen. Jose Ramiscal Jr., the other military officers indicted were Gen. Arnulfo Acedera, Lt. Generals Clemente Mariano and William Hotchkiss III, Vice Admiral Eduardo Santos, Rear Admirals Octavio Dauz and Luisito Fernandez and M/Sergeant Jose Trampeta.

Prior to the filing of the graft case, the Ombudsman had asked the Sandiganbayan to forfeit all unlawfully acquired properties of the former armed forces chief worth more than P11.2 million.

THE DAILY GOSPEL

Saturday, August 20, 2005
20th Week in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Ru 2:1-3,8-11; 4:13-17
Gospel: Matthew 23:1-12

Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, "The teachers of the Law and the Pharisees sat on the seat of Moses. So you shall do and observe all they say, but do not do as they do, for they do not do what they say. They tie up heavy burdens and load them on the shoulders of the people, but they do not even raise a finger to move them. They do everything in order to be seen by people; so they wear very wide bands of the Law around their foreheads, and robes with large tassels. They enjoy the first place at feasts and reserved seats in the synagogues, and being greeted in the marketplace and being called 'Master' by the people.

"But you, do not let yourselves be called Master because you have only one Master, and all of you are brothers and sisters. Neither should you call anyone on earth Father, because you have only one Father, he who is in heaven. Nor should you be called leader, because Christ is the only leader for you. Let the greatest among you be the servant of all. For whoever makes himself great shall be humbled, and whoever humbles himself shall be made great."

Commentary

Now it is Jesus' turn to speak his mind about those who have sought to test him and to make him look stupid or ungodly. We are told to obey the teachers of the law in what they say when they teach, quoting Scripture, but not to obey them or follow them in what they do. They are hypocrites, and worse, they lay heavy burdens on others and do not lift a finger to help them. They are cold-hearted, demanding and unlike Jesus' Father. They are self-righteous, demanding attention and public respect while inwardly shallow and filled with pride. We are not to be like that—we are to be servants of all, humble and lowly before all, knowing our God sees into our hearts. Are we good models? What are we teaching by our behaviors, decisions and lifestyles? Why are we religious, devotional? Are we truly servants?

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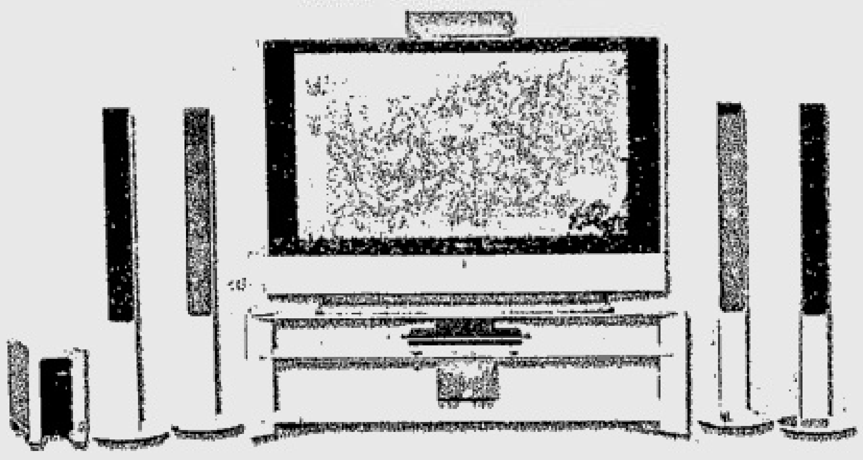

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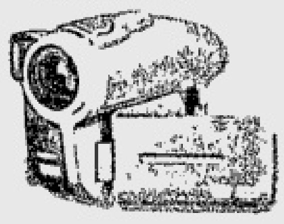

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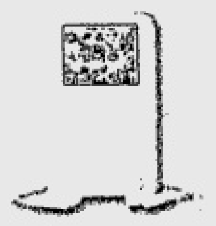

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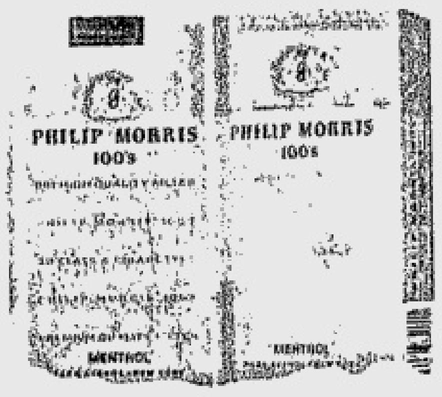

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Israel clears Gaza after fierce standoff

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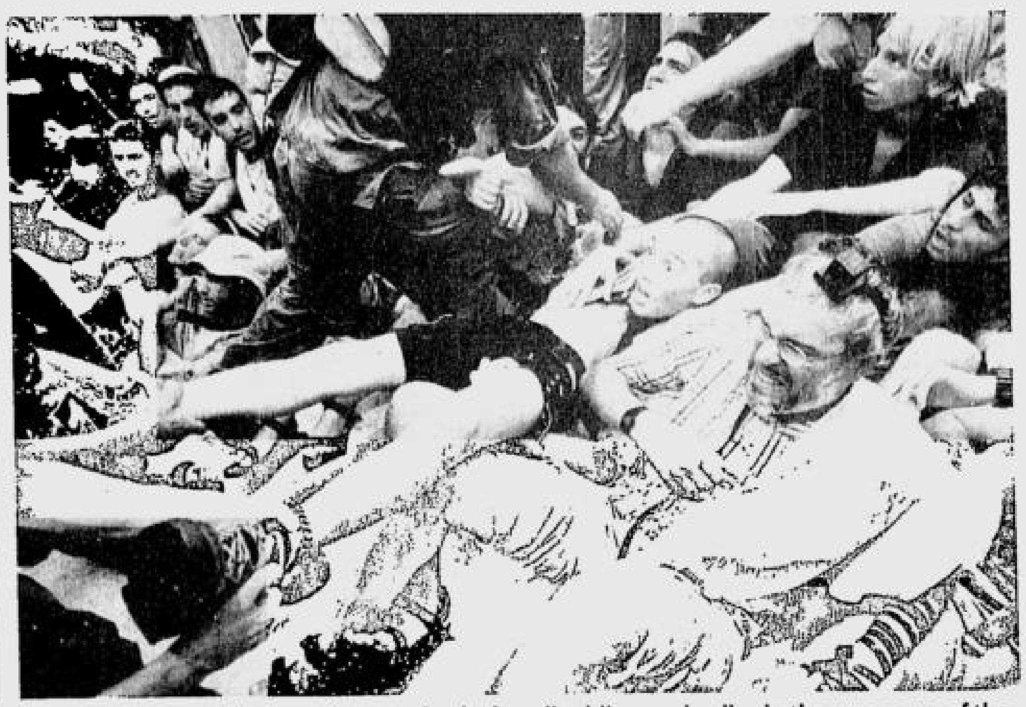

JEWISH settlers resist forced evacuation by Israeli soldiers and police in the synagogue of the Jewish settlement of Neve Dekalim Thursday Aug. 18. Israeli forces stormed Gaza's largest synagogue to remove some 1,500 protesters holed up inside, one of the last bastions of resistance to the Gaza pullout. AP

Protesters making a defiant last stand at a synagogue in the hardline settlement of Kfar Darom hurled acid, oil and dirt bombs at unarmed riot police on the second day of the forcible evacuation of the occupied Palestinian land.

Radical Jews set fire to abandoned buildings and pelted troops with eggs and lightbulbs as settlers screaming in despair and anger were dragged from their homes and synagogues in other diehard communities of the Gaza Strip Thursday.

"Jews don't expel Jews," was the common cry as Israel's operation to end its 38-year occupation of the tiny strip of land gathered pace.

By the end of the second day, all but four of the Gaza Strip's 21 settlements had been evacuated and the army on Friday started to clear Gadid, a religious farming community in the main Gush Khatif settlement bloc.

"All in all this is a victory for the security forces and for the settlers," said the commander of the pullout operation, Gen. Dan Harel.

He said the operation would be suspended for the Sabbath, the Jewish holy day of rest beginning at sundown Friday, adding: "The last settlers will probably be evacuated by Tuesday or Wednesday."

The operation, the first time Israel has removed Jews from Palestinian land, has sharply divided the Jewish state, with many settlers accusing their one-time champion Prime Minister Ariel Sharon of betrayal.

But Palestinians have welcomed the pullout as a victory for the resistance to four decades of occupation and the international community hopes it will mark a new page in efforts to bring peace to the turbulent Middle East.

The army said Friday that troops had succeeded in dragging out almost all the protesters in the synagogues at Kfar Darom and in the main settlement of Neve Dekalim, where hundreds of chanting Jews had staged a two-day blockade, locking arms to prevent their eviction.

Scenes of Jewish soldiers locked in confrontation with settlers and their sympathizers were repeated in defiant settlements in other parts of Gaza, with security forces the target of insults, rotten eggs, and tins of food.

Medical sources said 75 people, including 31 police and soldiers were wounded during Thursday's operations while about 250 protesters were arrested after the Kfar Darom clashes—rare scenes of Jew violently confronting Jew. *AFP*

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Rockets miss US ship in Jordan port

AQABA, Jordan—One Jordanian soldier was killed when unidentifed attackers on Friday fired rockets from Jordan near a US warship in the port of Aqaba and on a neighboring Israeli resort in apparently coordinated strikes.

The soldier was hit at the dockside in Jordan and was taken to hospital where he died of his wounds, a security source said. There was no indication over who might have fired the rockets.

"The two US Marine ships docked at the port of Aqaba were not hit," Interior Minister Awni Yervas said. "An investigation is under way to determine the cause of the explosions."

Witnesses said that one of the boats, an aircraft carrier that had been moored in Aqaba for the past few days had already left and it was only its escort ship that remained in the port.

"Three rockets fell in the Aqaba port without touching the American boat which was still in the port," said one witness.

The Israeli navy was put on a high state of alert after the attack on their side of the border, which destroyed a car near the airport in Eilat, a popular tourist resort on the the Red Sea.

"On the Israeli side one or two.(Katyushas) fell on the airport area, without causing any victims," said Israeli Defense Minister Shaul Mofaz.

"I have telephoned the advisor of King Abdullah II with a view to coordinating efforts to prevent such actions," he said. Israeli public radio said that the two attacks were coordinated strikes.

The attacks come at a pivotal moment for the Middle East, as Israel completes its withdrawal from the Gaza Strip, the first time it has ever pulled out of Palestinian territory.

Jordan signed a peace treaty with Israel in 1994.

Israeli radio said the rocket was fired from Jordan and was reportedly a Katyusha-style weapon usually used by Shiite fundamentalist movement Hezbollah, which was instrumental in ejecting Israeli troops from south Lebanon in 2000.

In October 2000, 17 US sailors were killed when two suicide bombers on an inflatable raft blew themselves up alongside the USS Cole, a destroyer, in Yemen's southern port of Aden.

Aqaba is strategically important to Jordan as its only seaport.

Jordan itself boosted security at tourist resorts and in populated areas in the wake of the deadly bombings in the Egyptian Red Sea resort of Sharm el-Sheikh last month.

Earlier this month, Israel warned its citizens to steer clear of Jordan, saying there had been an increase in the threat of attacks against travellers and tourist sites.

Jordan, one of the most stable countries in the Middle East, is one of only three Arab states to have diplomatic relations with Israel but, unlike the Red Sea resorts of Egypt, it is not a regular destination for Israelis. *AFP*

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Moroccan in 9/11 case draws 7 years

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HAMBURG, Germany—The only man convicted over the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks in the United States was on Friday jailed for seven years by German court for membership of a terrorist organization following a retrial.

However, the regional appeal court in Hamburg, northern Germany, ruled there was no proof of 31-year-old Mounir el Motassadeq's direct involvement in the attacks.

"The accused Mounir el Motassadeq is condemned to seven years in prison for belonging to a terrorist organization," the court announced.

The Moroccan national had been jailed for the maximum 15 years in February 2003 on more than 3,000 counts of accessory to murder and membership of a terrorist organization.

But a retrial was ordered after a federal appeals court last year quashed the verdict on the grounds that US authorities had refused to allow the court to question top al-Qaida suspects in custody.

Ramzi Binalshibh, the self-purported mastermind behind the US suicide attacks, and alleged al-Qaida number three Khalid Sheikh Mohammed are among the only men alive who could shed light on Motassadeq's mysterious role in the so-called Hamburg cell of Islamic extremists.

The president of the court Friday denounced a "black hole" in the trial because US authorities "refused to fully cooperate."

He also emphasized that the "anger sparked by the recent attacks in London was not considered" in reaching the decision, nor the Sept. 11 attacks.

Motassadeq was arrested in Hamburg in November 2001, just two months after Islamic extremists plowed passenger jets into New York's World Trade Center and the Pentagon near Washington.

The Moroccan, who did not speak during the latest trial, reacted calmly to the verdict but also appeared surprised, He also turned to his interpreter for details of the decision. *AFP*

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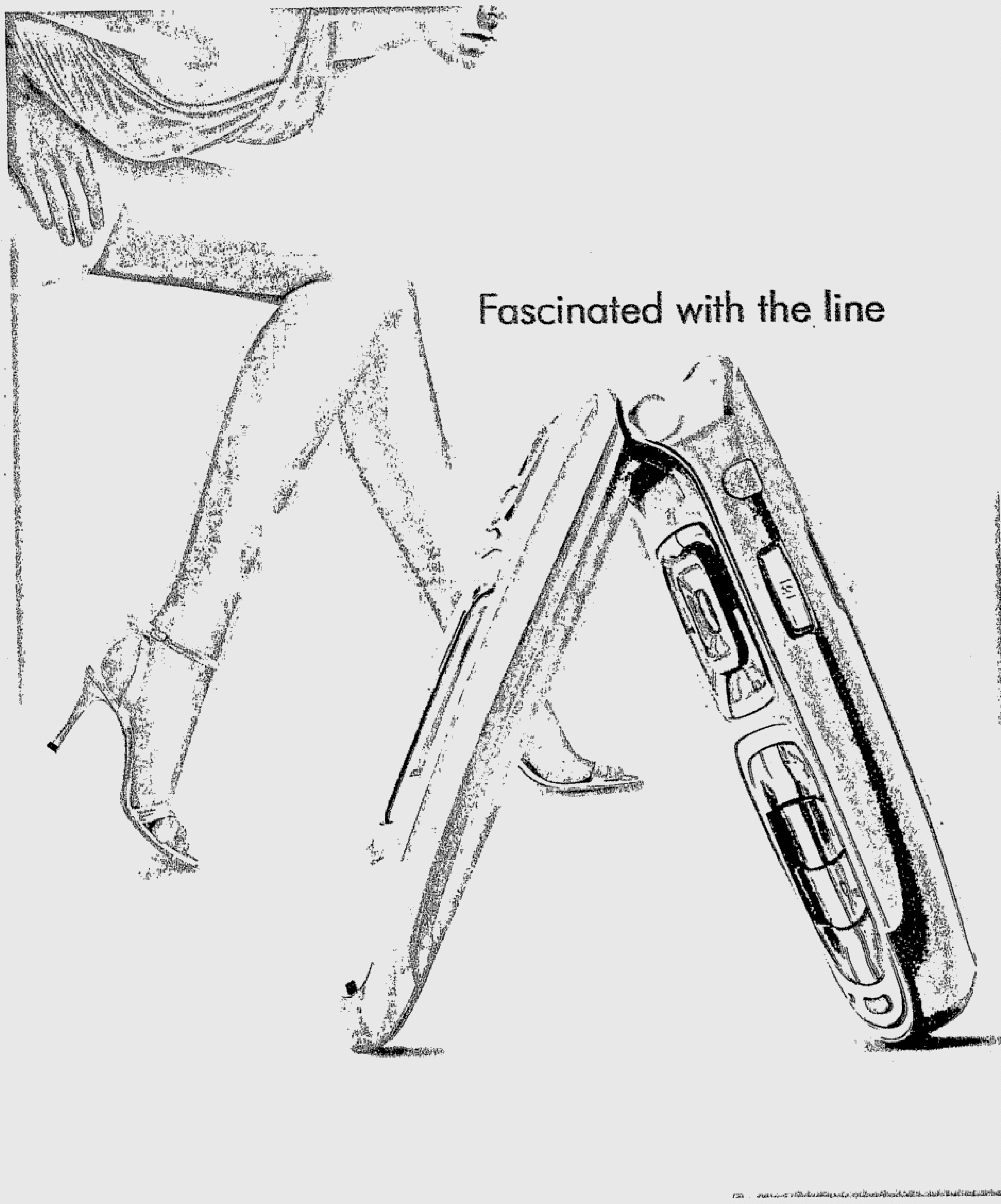
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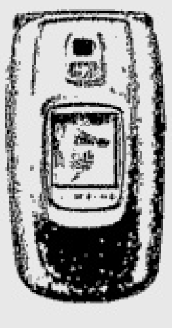
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Top Saudi al-Qaida man killed in clash

RIYADH—Saudi security forces shot dead one of the country's top al-Qaida leaders in the holy city of Medina Thursday, the latest of the group's chiefs in the kingdom to be gunned down in a shootout.

The clash that killed Saleh al-Ufi coincided with another operation in the north of the capital Riyadh and erupted just a few hours before newly crowned King Abdullah bin Abdul Aziz arrived in Medina.

It was the first such gunfight since Abdullah assumed the throne of the oil-rich kingdom this month and came days after Western governments warned fresh terror attacks may be imminent in Saudi Arabia, where suspected al-Qaida militants launched a spate of bombings and shootings in May 2003, many targeting Westerners.

An interior ministry statement carried by state media said Ufi was one of two members of the "deviant group"—official terminology for al-Qaida—killed when security forces returned fire as they tracked presumed extremists in Medina.

A third militant was wounded in the shootout and arrested, said the ministry, which identified Ufi as "wanted by security authorities."

An expatriate, whose nationality was not specified, was seriously wounded and a security man hurt in the gun battle, it said.

The SPA news agency reported late Thursday that funeral prayers were held at the Prophet's Mosque in Medina for a Saudi soldier from the "emergency forces" who died in the shootout.

Shortly before the gunfight, security forces arrested nine suspects at other locations in Medina in the west of the kingdom, the ministry said.

Ufi, a former policeman in his forties and one of the kingdom's top suspected militants, was one of two men from a wanted list of 26 still at large. The other, Taleb al-Taleb, remains in hiding.

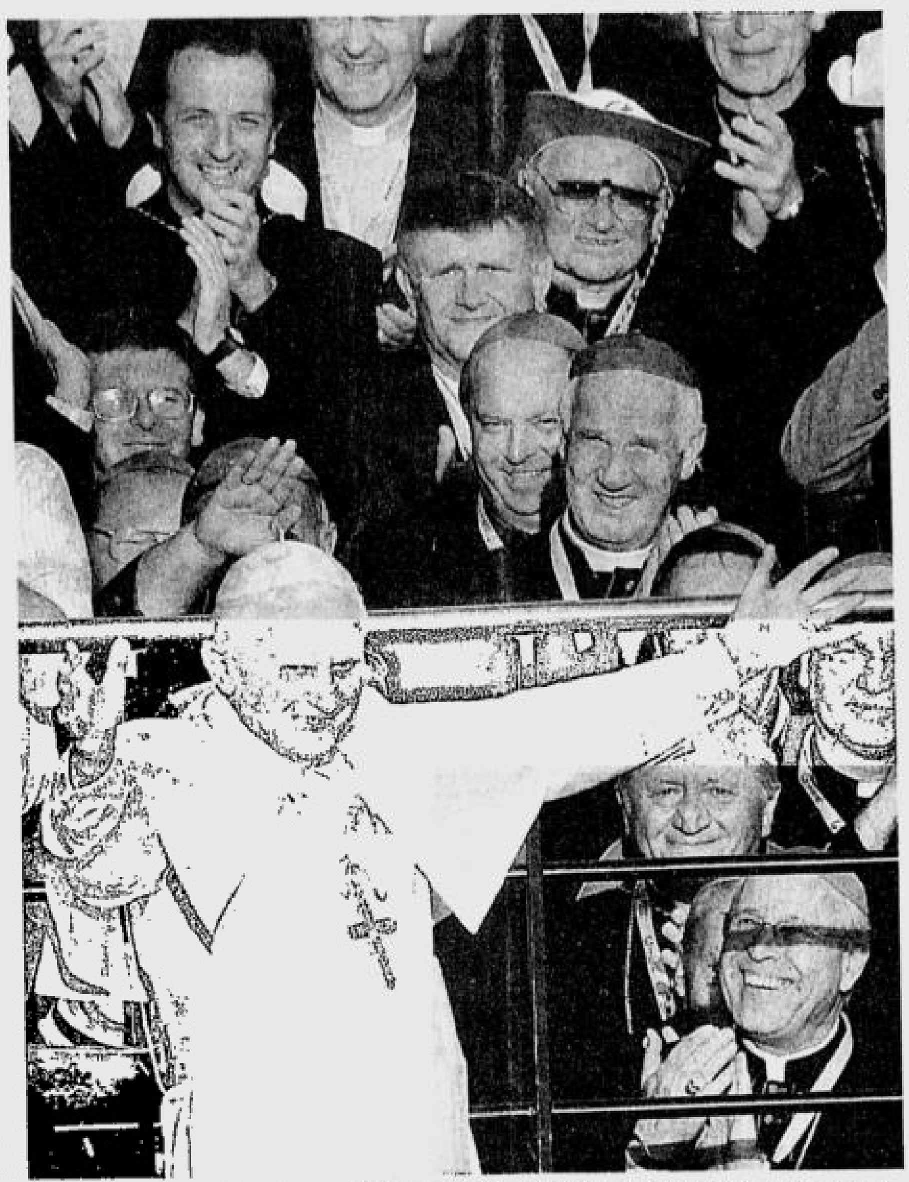
Ufi was reported to have replaced Abdul Aziz al-Muqrin, the notorious chief of "al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula," who was shot dead in a gun battle in Riyadh in June 2004, shortly after his group posted gruesome pictures on the Internet of a beheaded American engineer they had abducted.

The beheading of Paul Johnson was the climax of a series of attacks against Western residents of the kingdom.

Ufi was later reported to have been succeeded by Saud al-Otaibi, one of 15 militants killed during a three-day gun battle with security forces in Al-Qassim, north of Riyadh, in April.

Moroccan-born Yunis Mohammed Ibrahim al-Hayari, who succeeded Otaibi, was also shot dead during a battle with security forces in the capital on July 3.

The interior ministry reported another incident in Riyadh Thursday in which human remains were found resulting from an explosion after security forces tracked down a suspect and besieged a residential location. *AFP*



POPE Benedict XVI addresses pilgrims outside Cologne's cathedral, Germany, Aug. 18, on the first of his groundbreaking four-day visit to his native Germany, his first visit abroad since his election as Pope in April.

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Experts urge change in US visa rules

WASHINGTON—The United States needs to loosen its visa rules, according to some immigration experts who say an emphasis on keeping out potential terrorists has made it difficult for foreign-born visitors to enjoy their US stay.

"Visa policy has been reduced since Sept. 11 to simply keeping people who might be a threat to the United States out," said Demetrios Papademetriou, president of the Migration Policy Institute.

"Defending ourselves may be the pre-eminent national interest, but it is not the only national interest," Papademetriou said. The think tank, which says it is independent and nonpartisan, released a report Thursday on the changes in visa policy since the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

Papademetriou said the policy also should focus on the economic, social and cultural importance of being receptive to foreigners. For example, it should encourage the most talented people from abroad to attend US universities, as schools in Europe and Asia step up recruitment of international students.

John Keeley of the Center for Immigration Studies, which pushes for more restrictive immigration policy, said more expansive visa rules would lead to illegal immigration and other problems.

"The student (visa) category has to be examined closely because it has been savagely exploited by terrorists in the past," he said. "We have the best colleges and universities in the world, and they're here for American students primarily."

Fifteen of the 19 hijackers in the Sept. 11 attacks legally entered the US on travel visas. Three were admitted with business visas. The 19th entered on a student visa.

The institute's report also said that full responsibility for many of the general visa tasks should go back to the State Department. *AP*

Pope to visit synagogue in Cologne

COLOGNE, Germany—German-born Pope Benedict XVI's planned visit Friday to a synagogue—only the second by a pope—is fraught with significance in the land where Nazi terror produced the Holocaust.

Benedict, who was enrolled in the Hitler Youth and later deserted the German army at the end of World War II, is to address Germany's oldest Jewish community in a temple rebuilt in the 1950s after it was destroyed by the Nazis in the 1938 Kristallnacht pogrom.

He began the second day of his four-day trip—his first overseas journey since his election April 19—by meeting with President Horst Koehler, arriving at a villa in Bonn, the former west German capital, with people lining the streets and chanting "Benedict, Benedict!" as he was driven past.

During the synagogue visit, Benedict first will go to the first floor Hall of Memory, which recalls the 6 million victims of the Holocaust, including 11,000 Jews from Cologne.

Then, from the synagogue pulpit, he will deliver an address after being greeted by Rabbi Netanel Teitelbaum. They will say prayers and exchange gifts in a noontime visit scheduled to last one hour.

A spat with Israel over Benedict's failure to mention the country in a list of places hit by terrorism this summer has raised the stakes for the visit. Israel sharply criticized Benedict last month after he deplored the recent terrorist attacks but did not mention a suicide bombing in Israel that killed five Israelis.

The Israeli government summoned the Vatican envoy and charged that the Pope "deliberately failed" to condemn terrorist attacks against Israel. Tensions worsened with a harshly worded Vatican statement telling Israel to stop trying to give the pope lessons on what to say. *AP*

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'Bind, Torture, Kill' serial killer draws 10 consecutive life terms

WICHITA, Kansas—Dennis Rader, the self-named "Bind, Torture, Kill" serial killer who terrorized a Kansas city for decades, was sentenced Thursday to 10 life sentences in an emotionally charged hearing in which he faced his victims' bereaved relatives.

The brutal murders were carried out between 1974 and 1991, terrorizing the city of Wichita until the capture of the one-time cub scout leader and church congregation president in February.

Rader could not be sentenced to death because the killings were committed before Kansas reintroduced capital punishment in 1994. But Judge Greg Waller told the balding, mustachioed killer his crimes had been "heinous" and he would not be eligible for parole for 40 years.

Rader faced his victims' relatives and addressed the judge and the families.

"Today is my final judgment," Rader told the court in a rambling statement during which he praised the work of police, apologized to the victims' relatives and even quoted the Bible. "There was no way I was going to get out of this.

"I finally apologize to the victims' families," he said. "There's no way that I can ever repay."

Rader, wiping away tears, said his two children and his ex-wife, who divorced him last month, were his final victims.

Prosecutor Nola Foulston was unmoved, saying Rader was shedding "crocodile tears." She urged Waller to give him the so-called "Hard 40," which means he must serve at least 40 years before he can get a parole hearing.

The relatives of Rader's victims gave emotional testimony, tearfully telling the court Rader had deprived them of their loved ones.

"Sitting here before us is a depraved predator, a rabid animal that has murdered people, poisoned countless lives and terrorized this community for 30 years, all the while relishing every minute of it," said Jeff Davis, whose mother Dolores was killed by Rader in 1991.

"As of today you no longer exist," Davis told Rader.

On Wednesday, investigators described Rader's murders in graphic detail and prosecutors showed gruesome pictures of the killings to convince the judge to give him the harshest possible sentence.

Rader pleaded guilty to the crimes in June. The calm way in which he described the murders at the time sent chills through the courtroom in a nationally televised confession.

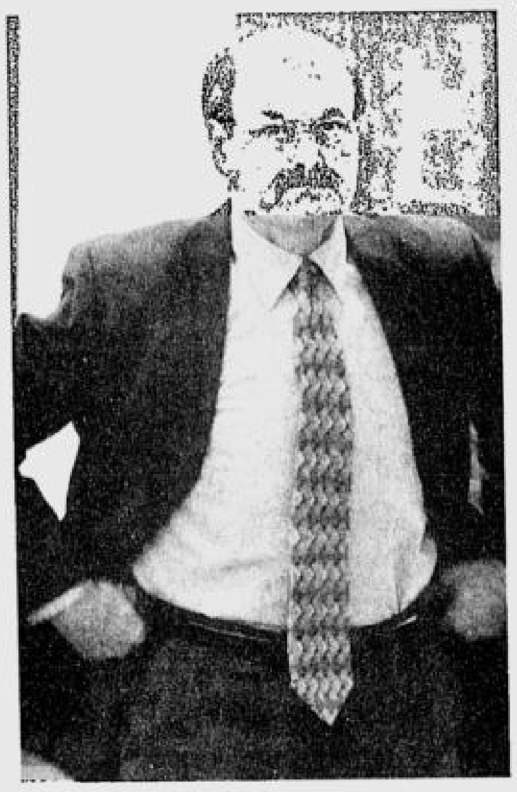
A cub scout leader and president of his church's congregation, Rader was a respected member of the local community before his arrest in February.

He had taunted police by sending them a series of letters in which he named himself "BTK" for the grisly methods he employed in violent attacks over 17 years.

Rader broke years of silence in March 2004 when he sent the Wichita Eagle newspaper a letter that contained photographs of a dead woman and her driver's license.

Rader has admitted relishing the media attention, telling NBC last week that he felt "like a star." The killer first struck in January 1974, murdering Joseph and Julie Otero and two of their children.

A few months later Rader broke into the home of Kathryn Bright where he was surprised to find her in the company of her brother. He beat, strangled and shot both of them, but Bright's brother managed to escape. *AFP*



A BELLIGERENT-LOOKING Dennis Rader prepares to sit in a Sedgwick County courtroom during the sentencing phase of his trial Aug. 17. The confessed Kansas serial killer, who called himself BTK, for "bind, torture and kill," worked out to build up his strength because he found killing people physically hard, police told the court. REUTERS

Lost film of Japan's Mishima recovered

TOKYO—Lost negatives have been recovered of a film by Japanese novelist Yukio Mishima foreshadowing his public suicide, paving the way for the nationalist work to go on DVD next year, the publisher said Friday.

The 1966 film "Yukoku," which means "patriotism," graphically depicted how a lieutenant in imperial Japan's army and his wife disemboweled themselves in a samurai knight rite of honor after he failed to participate in a 1936 coup.

Mishima himself committed "harakiri" suicide on Nov. 25, 1970 after storming into the army headquarters in Tokyo and urging the troops to rise up in the name of the emperor and rearm the pacifist nation.

The 30-minute movie, directed and starring Mishima and based on his 1961 short story by the same name, has no spoken lines and only subtitles accompanied to the music of German composer Richard Wagner.

The film had appeared in theaters but his wife was believed to have burned the negatives in disgust after the novelist killed himself.

Hiroaki Fujii, who produced "Yukoku," recovered the negatives at the late writer's warehouse in Tokyo and agreed with major Japanese publisher Shinchosha to release it on DVD early next year. *AFP*

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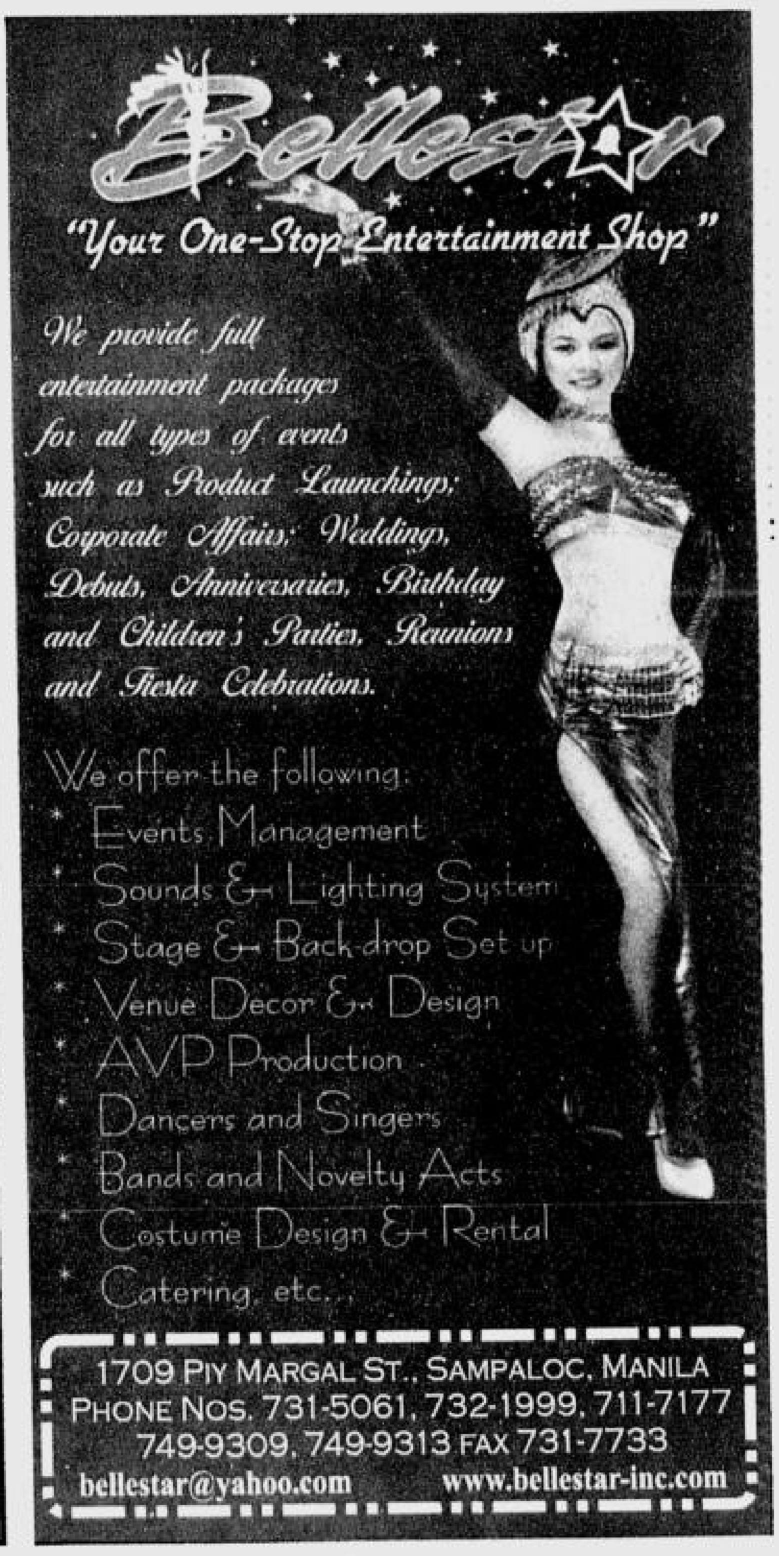
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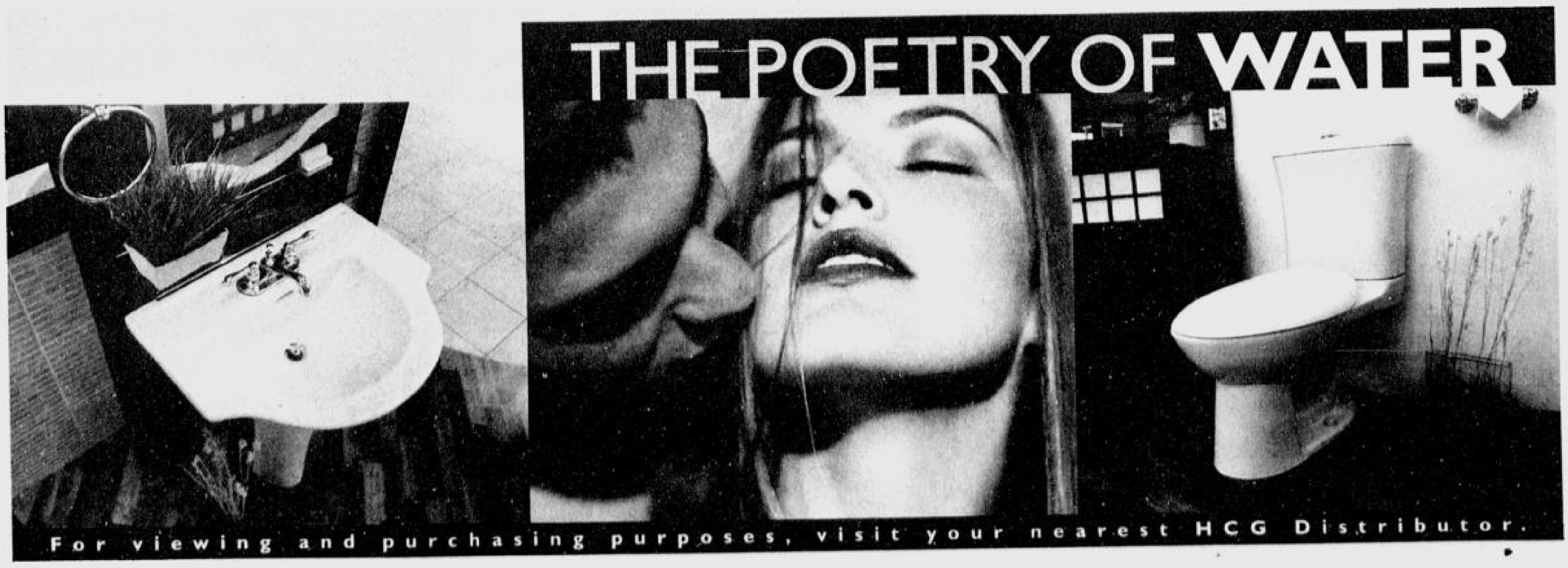
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Kids behind bars

EDITORIAL

THIS country never learns. Less than five months after the documentary "Bunso" shocked several film festivals in Europe and North America with its depiction of Filipino children doing time in a Visayan jail together with adult convicts, a roughly similar investigative feature by CNN on a 5-year-old girl in an Olongapo prison and a host of youthful offenders in adult jails in Luzon has thrown into stark relief the unique Philippine recipe for enhancing its international image: fill the prisons with the scum of the earth, throw in kids as "cute" accessories, then let international documentary filmmakers have a field day recording the offal that is our system.

And now that damage has been done, the government is rushing to control it. President Macapagal-Arroyo has ordered the Department of Justice to review the cases of thousands of child offenders kept in adult jails.

Justice Secretary Raul Gonzalez appeared on CNN apparently unaware about the special report and lacking the statistics and the knowledge to challenge, disprove or just put it in the proper context. All he could do was mumble and clear his throat—a pathetic performance indeed. Apparently Gonzalez is more familiar with the sexual peccadilloes of Kris Aquino than the conditions of our prisons and the fact that kids rub elbows with convicts (and more) in overcrowded jails across the nation.

A Unesco official proved more effective in shielding the Philippines from blanket international condemnation. She pointed out that other countries had committed similarly gross violations of children's rights, if not worse. At least, she said, the Philippines has signed the UN child rights conventions and is doing something about young offenders in adult jails, unlike other countries.

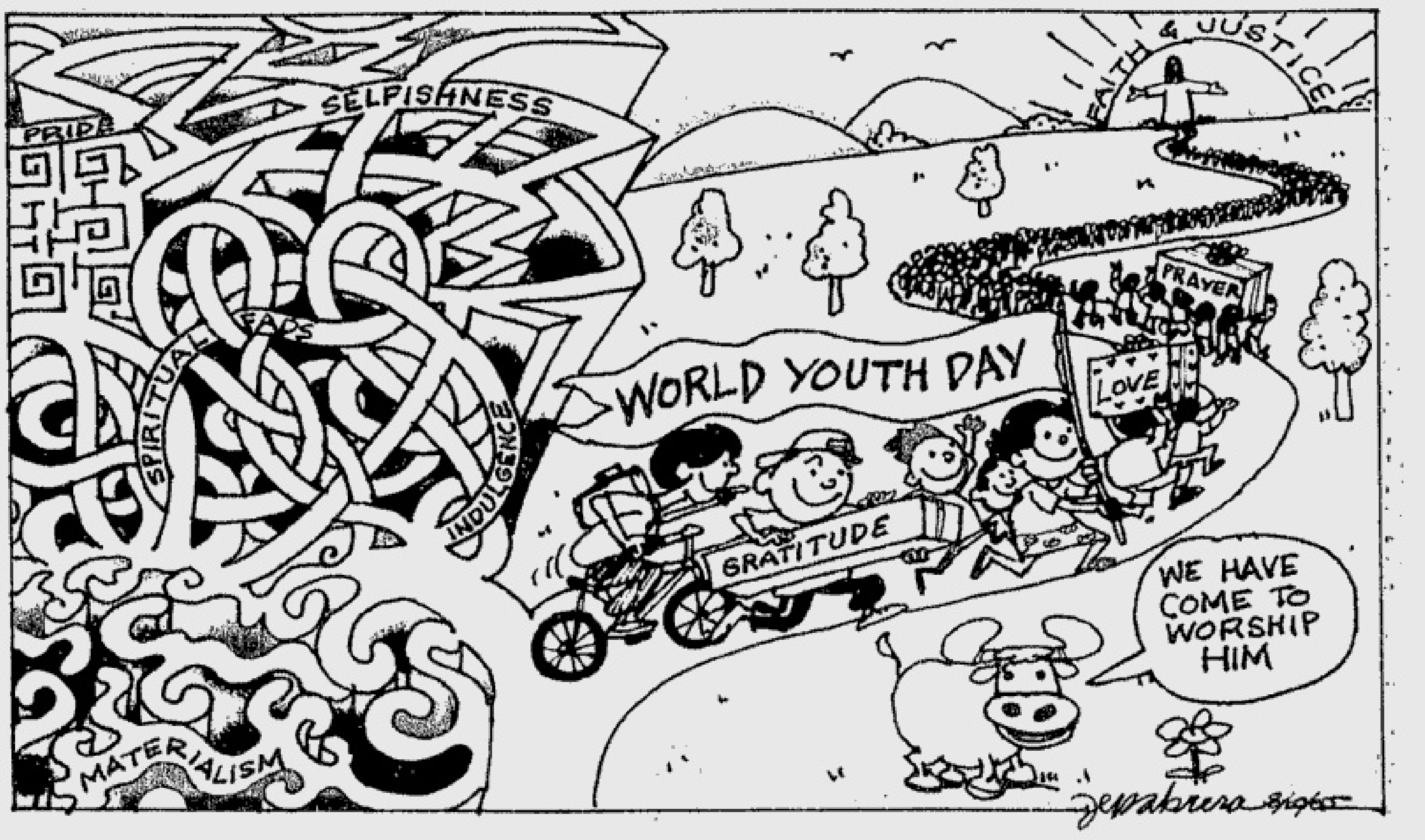
There is something galling about a government that only tries to deal with a problem after it is exposed by international media—or make that American media. "Bunso," by Filipina filmmaker Ditsi Carolino and financed by the Consuelo Foundation, a philanthropic organization of industrialist Chito Madrigal Collantes, was a more artistic, touching and judicious portrait of the phenomenon of children behind bars. But because it won acclaim in nondescript film festivals abroad—such as the One World Human Rights Documentary Film Festival in Czechoslovakia, where Carolino was named best director—the issues it raised hardly made a dent on the consciousness of Filipinos and government planners. But when the same issue is tackled by the American media, it becomes a cause célébre, the occasion for a lot of breast-beating and finger-pointing.

The CNN report contains all the clichés. The Philippines is presented as irreparably and irredeemably Third World. There are stock images of squatters living near fetid creeks and prisoners in grubby jails, and the stereotypical shot of scavengers (many of them children) living off the Payatas dump. The Philippines is "the Other" to the West's smug feeling of superiority: at least American prisons know how to separate juvenile delinquents from the serial killers and rapists.

Thriving in an free society like the Philippines, something it cannot do in many totalitarian countries where it operates meekly, CNN can make hay even at the cost of basic journalism standards. It got the side of Philippine authorities only in a follow-through report, which only succeeded in showing that the government was caught sleeping on the job and was scrambling for alibis.

Of course, the government should answer why it has let the despicable situation last for so long. Gonzalez's explanation that the jails depicted in the CNN report were local jails under the jurisdiction of local governments, while he as justice secretary is in charge of the national penitentiary, simply will not do. Such hairsplitting may satisfy his lawyer's sensibility, but it also explains why the problem has been left to rankle for so long. The government is more protective of lawyers rather than of children, the defenseless and the weak. It pays lip service to the convention on the rights of the child. Signing the convention for the Philippines was a mere legal act, an act to satisfy lawyers.

The Philippines has to live up to its commitments not because they are legal conventions, but because they are intrinsic to humanity. Children in the company of convicts is a scandal. Christ was categorical: "Whosoever shall scandalize one of these little ones that believe in me, it would be better for him that a millstone were hanged around his neck, and he were cast into the sea."



A graceful exit

SEPARATE OPINION

Isagani A. Cruz

IT appears that the once resolute campaign to oust Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo from Malacañang is fast losing steam and may soon flounder in humiliating defeat. The counter-offensive of the President and her men has been immensely successful and left her opponents in disarray.

Archbishop Oscar Cruz, who was the principal accuser of the Arroyo family in the *jueteng* probe, has practically given up. His witnesses offered only hearsay testimony or, after making admissible accusations, have recanted and now say, also under oath, that they have been forced by the opposition to lie. Other expected whistle-blowers have simply backed out and failed to appear at the Senate hearings.

The elusive Bong Pineda, who could make vital revelations for or against the President, is still eluding the investigation in the safety of his temporary sojourn abroad. There are legal ways of compelling his return to the Philippines but the government, including the Senate, is unwilling to employ them.

The frustrated archbishop, realizing the effectiveness of the measures employed by the administration to defeat his campaign, is a sadder but wiser man. He should not have relied on the sincerity of his witnesses, who testified for him as easily as they later testified against him.

They are like the angry policeman who originally denounced the massacre of the Kuratong Baleleng suspects and later made a complete about-face and said, also under oath, that he was mistaken. He and his entire family have transferred to Canada at considerable expense not affordable with his previous modest salary.

The investigation of the Garci tapes in the House of Representatives is getting nowhere either. It was only lately that the NBI and the Armed Forces were at last ordered to make a search for Virgilio Garcillano. But they have to date met with the same failure as the more serious hunt for Osama Bin Laden the world over.

The difference is that our own authorities are not as determined as the US agents to discover their discoverable quarry. They obviously fear that his testimony may, upon expert cross-examination, prove inimical to Ms Arroyo's insistence that she did not order Garcillano to falsify the election results in her favor.

And now comes the revelation that the fugitive surreptitiously flew to Singapore more than a month ago and is now hiding in London.

As in the case of Pineda, there are legal ways of compelling Garcillano's appearance before the legislative investigators unless, as some suspect, he is already dead like Bubby Dacer. Years before, Primitivo Mijares, the author of "The Conjugal Dictatorship," also disappeared without a trace during the conjugal dictatorship.

The other witnesses against Ms Arroyo are also being challenged on the ground that their testimony is largely hearsay or they have disreputable backgrounds. This irrelevant allegation, even if true, will not necessarily make their declarations untrue, but their credibility has already been shattered.

Last week, Secretary Michael Defensor offered the argument that according to a foreign forensic expert the Garci tapes have been spliced to incriminate Ms Arroyo. Sen. Panfilo Lacson was quick to rebut, claiming that their own tapes were the authentic ones. Comparison between them will confirm or contradict the still public consensus that President Arroyo talked to Garcillano while the votes were still being counted and indicated her desire to win over Fernando Poe Jr. by a million votes.

The impeachment of President Arroyo is still up in the air and will remain there to her advantage. The resolution to impeach must be supported by one-third of the members of the House of Representatives, but her foes are still far short of that number. Even if it is eventually reached, her conviction in the Senate is as of now mathematically improbable. Ms Arroyo's defenders in that body can easily steamroller the paltry opposition even with the Senate president on its side.

So, like her father before her, President Arroyo is singing "Happy Days Are Here Again." Her ratings in the surveys are rapidly shrinking, but her followers downplay them as not reflective of the national sentiment. To hear them chant with puppy-like devotion, she is still the darling of the masses and won handily in the last presidential election.

But the war goes on despite the current reverses of the anti-GMA crusaders. The Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines has not lost hope and is determined to continue the fight. Former President Cory Aquino is behind it. The lovely Susan Roces is ready with her own forces. Aquilino Pimentel Jr. is still waiting to take over through an unconstitutional snap election. And there are the countless independent citizens, not necessarily from Metro Manila only, who want a change in government beginning with Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo.

President Arroyo should realize that no matter how the present conflict is resolved, she has already lost the capacity to lead the nation. The people no longer trust her. Except for those whose jobs depend on her continued incumbency, they want her out of Malacañang. The patriotic thing for her to do, if she places the welfare of the people above her own, is to heed their sovereign clamor and gracefully resign.

How many jobs?

GET REAL

Solita Collas-Monsod

WHILE reading the Technical Report (TR) accompanying the President's 2005 State of the Nation Address, the section on employment in the Executive Summary captured my attention. From January to June 2005, it asserts, "preliminary estimates" show that the economy generated 1.3 million jobs.

That sounds pretty good, particularly because it even exceeds the whole-year employment target of the country of 1 million to 1.26 million new jobs as indicated in the government's Medium-Term Philippine Development Plan (MTPDP). Unfortunately, it flies in the face of the results of the quarterly labor force and employment surveys (LFS) conducted by the National Statistics Office (NSO), the government agency responsible for monitoring such data.

First, the latest official employment data are only up to April 2005. The results of the July survey are not even out yet. Second, the survey data show (posted in www.census.gov.ph) that as of January 2005, 217,000 net new jobs were created, while in April, there were 697,000 more jobs than the same period last year. Following the Neda practice of getting the average of the surveys, that means 457,000 net new jobs. That's a far cry from the 1.3 million figure that the TR claims.

The disparity is not only in the 2005 figures. In the main body of the TR, another assertion is made with respect to employment: that from January 2004 to June 2005, 5.2 million jobs were generated in the economy—3.9 million in 2004, plus the 1.3 million figure claimed for the first six months of 2005. The TR makes this statement, even as it cites the LFS figures showing a net increase of 972,000 jobs in 2004 and a 684,000 increase between April 2004 and April 2005.

What is going on? If the authors of the TR are aware of LFS figures showing 972,000 and 684,000 net job increases in 2004 and 2005, respectively, why do they claim 3.9 million and 1.3 million jobs generated for the same respective periods? It is obvious that both cannot be correct. So which is to be believed—the survey data published by the government statistical agency responsible for collecting such data, or the data contained in the TR?

The question becomes even more interesting, in the light of what has been happening to the measurement of the labor force and unemployment in this country. A new definition of unemployment was used, which had the effect of removing almost one million previously unemployed persons from the labor force (I call them the "desaparecidos" only half in jest). Thus, the April 2005 unemployment data show an unemployment rate of only 8.3 percent, which is not only lower than the unemployment rate last year (13.7 percent) but also lower than the unemployment rate targeted for 2010 in the MTPDP.

Apparently not satisfied with that, the TR authors have made the employment figures look better by a different route: they approached it by changing methodology. The 1.3 million job figure is arrived at on the basis of certain assumptions regarding the job-generation capacity of certain activities and totally disregarding the quarterly labor force and employment survey results:

Item: "at least" 135,314 jobs from the development of 74,000 hectares of new agricultural land. Assumption: one new job per hectare of new land developed, but "in some commodities, one hectare may be equivalent to as high as 27 jobs," which is why there is that "at least" phrase.

Item: 152,123 jobs created from January to March 2005 through loan releases of P3.4 billion to microfinance borrowers "on the assumption that any loan, regardless of amount, creates one job." (So one must guess that 152,000 loans were given out.)

Item: 90,224 jobs "supported" by P7.2 billion in loans to small and medium enterprises from January to March 2005. Assumption: one job is "supported" for every P80,000 loan.

Item: 139,128 new jobs from a 114,039 increase in tourist arrivals from January to May 2005. Assumption (supposedly from a McKinsey study): for every new tourist that comes in, 1.22 jobs are generated.

Item: 41,000 jobs in ICT. No assumption given. Presumably a head count.

Item: 2,195 jobs in mining "due to shift in government policy from tolerance to promotion." No further explanation.

Item: 263,485 jobs from January to May because of construction of 33,935 housing units. Many assumptions, e.g. site development—5 jobs per lot; complete house construction, 8.3 jobs; small units, 3.3 jobs.

Item: 369,748 jobs in public construction and maintenance. Head count(?).

Item: 83,896 jobs in economic zones (Peza, Subic), consisting of "direct and indirect employment." How indirect employment is measured is not detailed.

Item: 10,678 jobs in apprenticeship programs. Head count(?).

And here's the kicker: If we translate the estimates of 3.9 million new jobs in 2004 and 1.3 million new jobs in the first half of 2005 to unemployment rates, using the old definition of unemployment (no "desaparecidos"), the result would be something like a 6 percent unemployment rate for both last year and this year.

The TR, thankfully, did not have the nerve to make that translation. The President, in her Sona, did not use the TR employment figures, nor did she make any allusions to the unemployment rate published by the NSO. Instead, she reported that four million jobs were generated in the past four years.

But the issue still has to be resolved.

Matter of survival

POLITICAL TIDBITS

Belinda Olivares-Cunanan

THE ENTIRE citizenry has to cooperate in efforts to save on fuel as it's a matter of national survival. With the price of oil predicted to shoot up to $70 per barrel from just over $30 a year ago, it's no longer a question of whether we can use up as much fuel as we want, so long as we can pay for it. The nation has to cut down on fuel consumption as it's going to drain our international reserves and could widen our budget deficit.

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President Macapagal-Arroyo yesterday placed directed government agencies to lead the energy conservation drive and set the example to the citizenry through concrete fuel-saving measures.

First and foremost, the way government vehicles are being used should be monitored, since this privilege is the most widely abused. The President yesterday related to the group assembled at the Palace that someone reported to her that he once saw a government vehicle parked on a street with its air-conditioner and engine running, while the official using it was elsewhere. *Nagpapalamig ang* driver, or perhaps he was keeping the car cool on his boss' instruction. Such wasteful practice is quite common especially among drivers assigned to VIPs. I recall telling a Cabinet secretary at a social gathering that his car engine was running outside while parked. The official checked it out and thanked me for telling him. At today's oil prices, this practice is criminal.

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Former Election Commissioner Virgilio Garcillano seems to have slipped out of the country and the opposition is now blaming the administration for his escape. It has accused some government officials of a conspiracy, which the Palace quickly denied. But amid all the din, I think Immigration Commissioner Alipio Fernandez said the most sensible thing. He pointed out that if Garcillano really left last July 14, there was no legal impediment for him because he left for Singapore and Europe before the House of Representatives ordered his arrest for snubbing an inquiry on poll fraud allegations. The House arrest order actually took place about two weeks after the alleged departure of Garci, and as such, said Fernandez, no one could legally prevent him from leaving the country then. Of course, now that an arrest warrant is out, it's a different story.

If Garci has truly flown the coop, one wonders why he did so. Opposition Sen. Francis Pangilinan pointed out that flight is indication of guilt. Indeed it could be. But it could also be that the man, like a cornered animal, simply felt harassed and did not believe he was going to get justice here, especially with the media overwhelmingly favoring the opposition and clearly against him. Surigao Rep. Prospero Pichay opined on TV yesterday that perhaps Garci should file a case against those who violated his right to privacy under the Anti-Wiretapping Law.

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There are those who argue that the only way out for the President in the current political crisis is to go through an impeachment trial. If she's innocent, they say, she has nothing to fear as she would be exonerated. That is, of course, if the senators are sticklers for fair play. But the odds are loaded against her in the Senate, which, in all likelihood, will perform like a kangaroo court. The eight or nine opposition senators led by Minority Leader Aquilino Pimentel are dead set on ousting her and pursuing their own agenda, which is to bring back Erap, or, in the case of Sen. Panfilo Lacson, to get the power he didn't win in the election. There's also the group of Senate President Franklin Drilon, which has prejudged GMA by calling for her resignation last July 8. Some other senators are fence-sitting.

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The vote of six senators will be enough to stop conviction of GMA, but the way things are going, perhaps she won't get more than five. Which is why her House allies are moving heaven and earth to stop the case right in that chamber. But this shouldn't be taken against them. That's how representative democracy works: both sides joust and resort to all means within the Constitution and the rules of the House to defeat the other side. This spirited joust is very much a part of the impeachment process. But the opposition, doubtless sensing that despite all its efforts and the sympathy of much of the media it's not going to get the needed 79 votes to send even the Lozano complaint to the Senate, is now trying to discredit that process by attacking the majority coalition's maneuvers as "obstruction of the truth."

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In a recent interview, House Majority Leader Prospero Nograles pointed out that while it takes 119 votes to pass a tax measure, only 79 votes are needed to send an impeachment complaint to the Senate for trial. But it's very doubtful if the opposition would get even 60 votes. Among the reasons are a couple of huge mistakes it made, such as drawing up an amended complaint loaded with items that don't even pertain to GMA's current term, and rejecting the rules being proposed for this Congress that would have allowed it to consolidate its complaint with that of Lozano.

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Former Leyte Gov. Leopoldo Petilla wrote to say that as an ordinary Catholic layman, he complies with the "basic mandates of the Church, to say the least," such as attending Mass and receiving the Holy Eucharist every day and praying the Rosary several times a day. "I have lived and still live my life with malice toward none and with charity for all," he said, so he is "dismayed and disgusted" with the continuous "installment" and "malicious" attacks of Archbishop Oscar Cruz against the President and her family. Petilla noted that while Cruz insists that all he wants is to eliminate *jueteng*, he has instead maligned GMA and her family with the accusations of his witnesses based on hearsay. "This is extremely dastardly, coming as it does from a priest," he said. Petilla added, that Cruz "should concentrate on saving souls instead of maligning others."

Bread and roses

AT LARGE

Rina Jimenez-David

Here's the conclusion of my talk on "My Organization, My Community" during the National Leadership Training for Student Government Officers held at Teachers' Camp in Baguio from Aug. 16-21.

WHAT are Pilipina's core beliefs? Our "Rosebook," as we call our basic primer, lists the following: gender equality; the recognition that change must be both structural and personal, and that contradictions will always exist for women seeking change within themselves and society; the belief that "every woman is an expert in her own situation and decides what is best for her"; autonomy in the fullest sense of the word—of a woman over her own person, body and life, of a women's organization and of the women's movement; and pluralism, respecting each other's differences and working around consensus.

Since our founding, Pilipina members have struggled against the common stereotypes of feminists and feminism, seeking by our collective action and individual struggles to show what feminism truly means. What are the common stereotypes we have had to deal with?

The first is that all feminists hate men. As the "Rosebook" explains: "The fact is that feminists are not against individual men. They are against a system that produces male chauvinism, male domination and male violence."

The second stereotype is of feminists as anti-marriage and anti-commitment. The fact is that feminism affirms relationships based on equality and mutuality, including marriage, although we affirm as well women's and men's choices to leave untenable relationships as well as not to enter into any long-term commitment.

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ANOTHER insidious stereotype is that feminists are anti-motherhood or anti-family. But many feminists, not just from Pilipina, have shown by their lives their commitment to marriage and family life without sacrificing any of their feminist principles. What feminists do not want is to be solely responsible for family and home, believing in shared paid work, shared housework and shared parenting.

There is also this stereotype of feminists as "bored women with nothing better to do than to pick on imagined issues of discrimination." Our "Rosebook" asserts that "feminism is not a fad," and in our more than 20 years' existence, Pilipina has sought to address issues like daycare, sexual harassment and other forms of violence, gender-fair curricula, the image of women in media, and women's role in politics—all of which are real, urgent and of value to ordinary Filipino women.

And lastly, there is the myth that feminism is a Western import with meaning only to middle-class women. Feminism, as our experience has shown, cuts across classes, cultures and races, "resonating as deeply in a peasant woman as in a woman professional facing more subtle discrimination."

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IN THE TWO decades since Pilipina's founding, we—the organization and the society—have learned so much more about the reality of women's lives in this country. We have learned that while poverty is the common denominator of our people, gender-based discrimination means poor women are poorer than poor men, and they lead lives of greater desperation. Violence, most of it at the hands of men, is a feature of women's lives, even as society attempts to redress its graver manifestations.

On the other hand, we have also learned that a society that excludes half of its population—the female half—from contributing their energies, time, drive and creativity to the task of development is a society doomed to failure and frustration. Thus, we decided, as we entered our second decade, to pursue the thrust of women and public power.

One way we in Pilipina sought to address this gender gap was to seek the support of other women's groups in setting up Abanse! Pinay, the women's party-list, both to make visible women's power as voters and decision-makers and to harness that power to make women's voices heard. Abanse! Pinay would be women's way of asserting our place within "the table of the patriarchs," claiming our rightful place among the powerful, our rightful share of political power.

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THE JOURNEY toward equality has not been easy, and no part of the journey has been more harrowing than that toward asserting our sexual and reproductive health and rights. This has been a personal advocacy, but one that has found resonance within Pilipina, Abanse! Pinay and other women's groups as well. Negotiating rights has meant marching in the streets. Negotiating rights has meant facing up to the powerful Catholic Church and demanding that a predominantly male Church listen to women's voices and understand the realities of our lives. Negotiating rights has meant learning important lessons along the way about working with government agencies, local governments and even some Church folk to advance our agenda.

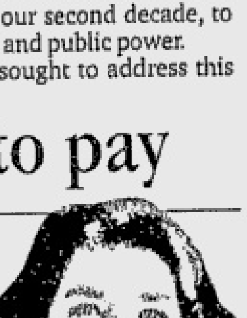
If "the personal is political," then the political has also become personal. Decisions made in Congress and in our local *sanggunians* affect what happens inside our bedrooms. Just as we have sought to bridge the divide between the world of the home and the world of work, so we must now seek to bridge the two worlds of personal politics and the politics of policy and morality.

Before closing, let me share with you a slogan that we in Pilipina have taken to heart. It's taken from a Mexican marching song, sung by women, who demand "Bread and roses, poetry and power." What is it that women want? Nothing more, nothing less than "bread and roses, poetry and power." The right to assert not just our equality and autonomy, but also our heart and our tender natures, the right to be a woman, full of contradictions but all the more amazing and complex because of them.

A debt to pay

SENSE AND SENSIBILITY

Bambi L. Harper



IN ENDING the article, "The laughingstock of Asia," I suggested we should ask what government is doing about our problems. But I was reminded by Peter Wallace that I should ask as well, "What are you doing about it?"

True. At the moment, I'm waiting for word as to whether we can establish a detention center in municipalities where local government has neglected to do so. After the Marcos debacle and the ensuing downhill slide, I lost a taste for messianic complexes. But hey, what's going on right now demands that you take a stand because, what the heck, these guys are running roughshod over us once again. Remember "*Tama na, Sobra na*"? Well, that's what it looks like these days. Our duly elected representatives appear concerned only with technicalities in the impeachment case against President Macapagal-Arroyo (and why shouldn't they when the taxpayer pays their gas bills?) while there's a fuel crisis out here. Is anyone of them offering solutions?

In response to my citing the GQ article on "Pleasure, at Any Price," a Mr. Lee wrote to say he has no financial stake in any of these girly bars but that I do my country a disservice (and a dishonor) quoting "untrue garbage" from Sean Flynn whose article was "incorrect, slanderous ... and sensationalist." It is not true that "you can buy a girl for a couple of drinks" and "bar owners are not making every effort to screen out underage girls." In all the 29 years he has been coming to the Philippines he has "NEVER, EVER met any girl who was remotely near this age." If I'm not mistaken, Sean Flynn stated that birth certificates were faked.

Mr. Lee goes on to question Gabriela's statistics of 60,000 child prostitutes. "I'd dare anyone to show any basis for this number." Calling Gabriela: Kindly clarify.

But in answer to Mr. Lee is another e-mail from a Mr. Santiago who claims to have patronized "all those beerhouses and 'angels' on Quezon Avenue, not to mention some underground clubs that hire 11-14-year-old girls. There is even one bar called 'Classmates' where the girls ... wear their college/high school uniforms with their IDs!" Having what he describes as a "soft heart," he tried giving them money so they'd get out of the trade but "they just laughed at me and said that they could get the salary of a typical 'Filipino' politician for just one 'BJ.'" In this case, I think they were putting Mr. Santiago on. The writer explains that we can't eliminate prostitution since "Dignity, Integrity, Religion and Righteous Image cannot be eaten."

Going back to what we can do about our sorry situation, Boogie Boydon wrote me to say that he has quit buying newspapers but that in an attempt to do something to help, he set up an online forum called "Ang Bagong Pinoy" last April 9 and now it has over 1,100 members and the number is growing at the rate of 10 new members a month. Members are both local and foreign and include even former government officials. So in case you're interested and you would like to join their online discussions log in to http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ang bagong pinoy/

Like many foreigners who have opted to marry Filipinas and feel they have a stake in the country, Bryan S writes to say (although he does say that it is "presumptuous" for foreigners to comment) that "the most depressing thing is that ... not a single thing has changed in this country in two decades." He finds it "astonishing" that in a Catholic country, "so little value is placed on human life." (The more I observe, the more I think we'd better give up that claim.) As for dear old Secretary Raul Gonzalez in the CNN documentary, "at no point did he express the slightest sorrow or horror at the appalling plight of these children. He promised nothing in response." (Hey, is this guy keeping his job?)

Bryan S should read Fr. Jaime Bulatao's "Compartmentalized Christianity" so he can understand how "prostitution is tolerated—or rather encouraged—by leering politicians, barangay captains and policemen who take their cut and then, in all probability, go home to a house full of their own children; how the irony escapes them is beyond me." While it is alleged that we promote sex tours, Mr. S doesn't think it is "the exclusive by-product of foreign tourism. Look at the love hotels, the nightclubs and the massage parlors which for years have been bankrolled by Filipino customers. Where are the Catholic values there?"

While celebrities abroad have been for some time lending their faces and names to causes such as AIDS or banning the use of landmines, our celebrities "consistently abdicate their responsibilities. The culprits might be politicians or movie celebrities (amazingly here it's easy to be both because the gullible mass of poor voters actually believe that on-screen heroes or heroines are like that in real life). Nobody is ever held accountable." (Which reminds me did we ever get an accounting from the PCGG?)

Mr. S remembers that on Father's Day this year, there was a big feature on a veteran comedian "who has fathered multiple children from multiple relationships." He adds, "It puzzled me why this could be applauded in a Catholic country. Is that the kind of role model this country wants?"

I rest my case. Although, according to Peter, the rest of Asia isn't even laughing at us, they've plain forgotten we even exist. Why should anyone pay attention to a bunch of jokers and a populace that tolerates them?

Coming clean

YOUNG BLOOD

Joc Coloma

We want to know what the young are thinking about. What are their thoughts on current issues? We welcome contributions from the twentysomething and below.—**Ed.**

I HAVE been meaning to write this for so long but I always came up with an excuse to delay it. I have been dreading writing this piece but I know that letting it all out will give me a cathartic release, so it must be done.

I am a compulsive liar.

I have a habit of making up stories and embellishing the truth. Most of the time, it isn't intentional—it just comes naturally. And once I've said it, I have no choice but to own up to it.

The fact that I have done my best to change and that I'm not as much of a liar now than I was when I was younger doesn't change the fact that I have lied.

The only way to repent and make up for all my lies is to own up to the truth. This is my way of acknowledging my mistakes. Hopefully, I would be able to let go of all the guilt that I've been bottling inside myself for years. I need to do this to find release and peace of mind. But, more importantly, I have to do this as a sign of commitment and to renew my relationship with God. I know that I cannot go forward and grow in my faith unless I admit my past sins and I have gotten rid of my guilt. I need to prove to God that I'm serious about changing and I need to prove to myself that I can change.

I have made a list of my "major" lies. Most of them are about things that I said I knew how to do (e.g., taekwondo, tennis, gymnastics, etc.) even though I didn't. Most of my lies I told while I was in elementary school and high school. I stuck to some of my lies even when I got older because I'd been claiming them for so long that it had become a habit.

Looking back now, I realize that most of my lies were borne out of my frustrations. I made everyone believe that I could do them because I wanted it badly to be true. I had an adventurous streak even at a young age. I wanted to try out so many things but my parents wouldn't let me. I couldn't do anything about it so I used my imagination instead. In my mind, I'd done all of those things hundreds of times. I dreamt about them so often that I believed they were real.

Another reason I lied was that I was trying to be cool and ahead of my peers. Outside of school, I lived a very boring and dull existence. I didn't have any friends from our neighborhood since I never went out of our house. Our neighbors didn't even know who I was. I spent my days reading books and playing with my toys. But in school, I was one of the "cool" kids. I know it's really quite pathetic but back then, I did everything I could to ensure that I didn't lose my status. I never thought about the consequences of my actions and I kept the lies going for years.

Lastly, I lied to save face. If there's one thing that I have in abundance, it's pride. I didn't want anyone thinking less of me. I wanted to be always well-informed, always savvy, smart and witty. I didn't want to acknowledge my own deficiencies and shortcomings so I pretended to know more than I did.

Maturity and a deeper relationship with God made me realize that I was fooling no one but myself. My lies never left me. Even years later, I was very much aware of them. Even when others might have forgotten them, I never did. I felt very, very guilty about all the lies I had told. It was eating at my conscience. Even when I prayed to God, I didn't have peace of mind. I knew He had forgiven me, but I couldn't forgive myself.

Admitting my lies and writing about them is the first step toward repentance. I can only hope that the people I've lied to will understand even just a little what drove me to lying. I don't expect them to forgive me. I just want to tell them the truth.

Another step I am taking to make up for all my lies is to actually learn all those things that I said I knew. I'm signing up for lessons in taekwondo, tennis, rappelling, skateboarding, target shooting, scuba diving and white water rafting. Regrettably, I won't be able to go into gymnastics anymore because I'm too old and my bones won't be able to handle it. But I'm considering yoga. It's probably the nearest activity to gymnastics available to me.

I have also started reading more so I know what I'm talking about and I won't have to lie about things. I spend hours reading and researching stuff on the Internet. I also have a pile of books to read. When I have more money, I hope to buy more books of different genres.

I made a promise to admit it when I don't know something. I finally realized that admitting a lack of knowledge doesn't make me stupid. It was only my insecurities which made me feel that way.

It's going to take years and a lot of money to get all of this done, but I'm not giving up. I have to do it to appease my conscience, and to show God that I'm ready to renew my relationship with Him. I made this a condition of my spiritual renewal. I told God that I would only be ready to commit my life to His purpose once I have made up for my sins and I have made peace with others.

I'd like to believe that I'm a much better person now than I was years ago. My lies have become fewer. I've done a lot to stop the habit. I think I have managed not to tell big lies since I left high school. And as I grew older, I have done my best not to repeat my mistakes.

I intend to post this in my blog and have this article published. The more people from my past who learn about this, the better. I want them to know the truth. And I want to tell them I'm sorry for what I have done.

It feels great to come out in the open and admit my sins. I feel freer than I have ever felt in my life.

God is truly great. He has given me another chance.

Joc Coloma, 27, is an aspiring writer.

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THEY SAID

Rooted artist

"We are evolving, we are becoming more solidified. We don't need to copy anyone, we can go back to our roots and still succeed."

—Artist Marissa Andal on how her work satisfies the nationalistic part in her

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Being progressive does not mean necessarily being irreligious

WE write in reference to the Aug. 12 editorial of the INQUIRER. While we do not seek to belabor the theocratic foundations of exorcism, we must take exception to the stereotyping peddled by the likes of Rep. Teddyboy Locsin when he said that Marxist-Leninists do not know religion.

As a matter of fact, it is with nothing but great reverence and piety for the high principles of our deeply held religious and moral beliefs that we, along with members of Gomburza, conducted the religious ritual. The sprinkling of holy water within the halls of Congress—and even on our pictures—reflected the same sacred intention as the sprinkling of holy water by a priest at a house blessing. The principle is to drive away the forces of evil from the place being blessed. Other forms of cleansing are the Sacrament of Confession or the recital of the Act of Contrition. Within local folklore, a garland of garlic is seen as a powerful instrument against evil spirits.

The ritual of protecting a place through prayer and holy water is different from that of exorcising a person already possessed by what is believed to be the devil, as defined in ancient practice. I believe our ritual falls under the former. Equally important, I am told that exorcism is universal; its practice cuts across the ages and through diverse cultures. It is not a monopoly of the Catholic Church.

Akbayan, as a pluralist and democratic progressive party, is not without its own share of deeply religious and faithful cadres. We reject the idea that to be progressive necessarily means to repudiate spirituality or the existence of a higher being.

We are confident that the rest of the faithful are safe and secure in their beliefs and are no far worse after watching the ritual on television. In fact, even the rank and file within the premises of the building prayed with us. Their faith in our institutions, on the other hand, is what should concern us, and the profanity of the wheeling and dealing should cause outrage in us.

With an impeachment process that continues to be defined and threshed out behind closed doors, and with rumors rife of money-taking and of principles being traded away like a commodity, certainly, two priests conducting a blessing ritual could not but be needed more than ever.

And so it is with an open mind that we welcome an investigation through the House Ethics Committee of the "exorcism" incident. The investigation should be done through a transparent, broad-based and participatory inquiry into what is yet to be established as a desecration of a faith-based rite. We are confident that the negative impression evoked by the ritual will be better explained, and an agreement on where each one of us is coming from can be intelligently discussed.

—REP. ETTA P. ROSALES,
Akbayan Party List

Erap should be granted bail

AS a trial lawyer regularly appearing in our criminal courts for over 43 years, I honestly feel that President Joseph Estrada, who has been under trial by the Sandiganbayan for more than four years now, may be allowed bail. These are my reasons:

1. Under Art. III, Sec. 13 of our Constitution, even if a person is charged with an offense punishable by reclusion perpetua, and the evidence of guilt is not strong, the accused may be granted bail.

2. After almost five years in detention, and after his successful medical operation in Hong Kong, Estrada showed his sincerity in abiding by the court orders and, in good faith, returned voluntarily to the Philippines.

3. Until now, he has always shown good faith, proper conduct and exemplary behavior as a prisoner.

4. Moreover, Sen. Loi Ejercito (elected in 2001), and son, Sen. Jinggoy Estrada (elected in 2004) were allowed several times to travel abroad and did so, always abiding by the orders of the court.

5. Erap is applying for bail so that he can properly prepare for his defense when he is called upon to personally testify in court.

6. The decision of the Supreme Court which granted bail to former Sen. Justiniano Montano after overturning the ruling of a lower court in the infamous "Maragondon (Cavite) Massacre Case." In this case, Montano was granted bail in spite of a showing of a strong probability of guilt because the possibility of his escape was remote.

—ARTURO M. TOPACIO JR.,
spokesman of Sen. Alfredo Lim,
GSIS Building,
Pasay City

A forest right at the heart of Manila

THIS is in reaction to the half-page advertisement (published in several newspapers) of the Department of Education-Manila regarding the Arrocerros Park controversy. The people claiming to represent DepEd-Manila are lying.

1. In the first place, they are not the owners of the property in question. Therefore, they have no personality to ask for any permit from any institution. They claim to have the necessary permits. But the destruction of the forest inside the Arrocerros Park began, on "orders of the mayor," much earlier, even when they were not yet in possession of permits.

2. Securing all those permits does not invalidate an existing contract between the City of Manila and the Winner Foundation signed in 1993. This contract makes us official caretaker of the park, a condition imposed by the Landbank with the approval of then President Fidel Ramos. Because the mayor has ignored our MOA, we have taken our case to court where it remains unresolved.

3. We have filed complaints with the environment ombudsman, citing irregularities in the way the permits were obtained.

4. The paid ad accuses newspapers of publishing "wrong information peddled by those against the construction." We are sure newspapers, like the Philippine Daily Inquirer, Manila Times, The Manila Bulletin, Malaya, Star, Standard Today, People's Journal, know better. What will these people "representing" DepEd-Manila say of the numerous columnists and the respectable social leaders who have thrown in their support to save the Arrocerros forest?

Lastly, we invite the public to see and experience the Arrocerros Park, and decide if it should go or stay. Even now, though a chunk of it has been destroyed, it is still beautiful. But make no mistake about this: the construction threatens the life of the entire forest.

It is the 11th year of our 15-year development plan for Arrocerros Park. We would like to finish the job and give the city, right at its heart, a forest, a patch of green with clean air for the physical and spiritual upliftment of Manileños.

—REGINA PATERNO,
president, Winner Foundation,
Orchidarium, Manila

Not popularity contest but serving the public

WHENEVER her popularity rating plummets, President Macapagal-Arroyo and her minions usually brush it off with a statement that being in government is not a popularity contest. She pretends she is not disturbed. But, at the same time, she and her advisers resort to various gimmicks to make her administration appear pro-poor. Thus, it distributes PhilHealth cards and employs street cleaners, for example.

Governance is not a popularity contest, that is true. But in the case of GMA, the dramatic fall of her popularity rating is due to the public's perception, even direct experience, of their standard of living having substantially deteriorated since she became President. People are suffering from her economic and social policies, which favor big business. Add to that the alleged *jueteng* involvement of her family and the Garci tapes.

GMA has the illusion that she is engaged in good governance; so, the hell with popularity ratings. But the reality is that her administration is not promoting the welfare of the people she has sworn to serve.

—RAFFY REY HIPOLITO,
policy advocacy officer,
FoodFirst Information & Action Network-Philippines, 9B Matulungin St.,
Barangay Central, Quezon City

Involved in jueteng

Based on Ramon Tulfo's account, he seems to know the Pinedas very well. Can he confirm, then, if Bong Pineda is indeed a *jueteng* lord? I am sure that in the number of times he has gone to Pampanga to visit the Pinedas, he saw or has come to know their real source of income. Bong Pineda is said to have claimed that he is not familiar with jueteng. Can Tulfo testify to the truthfulness of his friend's claim?

—RICHARD LOZADA,
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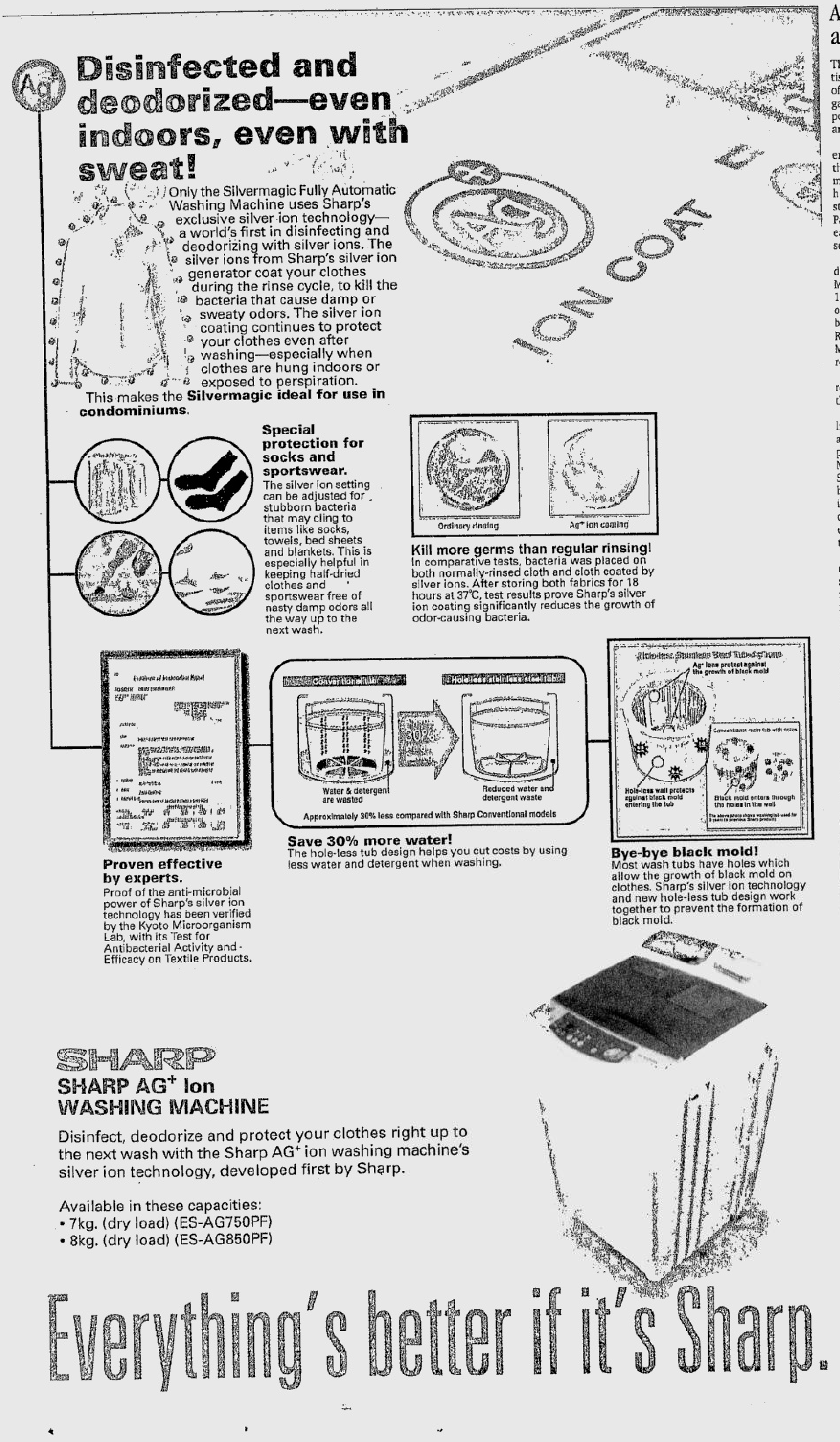
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Bayan Muna Aklan chair held, linked to NPA rebs

By Nestor P. Burgos Jr.
PDI Visayas Bureau

ILOILO CITY—A team of police and soldiers on Thursday arrested the provincial chair of the party-list group Bayan Muna in Aklan for alleged involvement in attacks of communist rebels in Antique and Iloilo last year.

Fernando Baldomero, 56, was arrested at around 11 a.m. at his motor shop beside his residence in Barangay Estancia in the capital town of Kalibo, said Supt. William Macavinta, Aklan police director.

He was arrested based on a warrant of arrest dated Sept. 7, 2004 issued by the Sibalom Metropolitan Circuit Trial Court on multiple charges of murder for the deaths of a policeman, a soldier and a civilian in a New People's Army (NPA) ambush in San Remigio town in Antique on Aug. 27, 2004.

Baldomero was also charged in a separate arrest warrant with destructive arson in connection with the burning of equipment worth P15 million at a field office of E.C. de Luna Construction Corp. in Barangay Patricion in Guimbal, 29 km south of Iloilo City, days before the May 11 elections last year.

The warrant, dated Feb. 25, 2005, was issued by Judge Teodolo Colada of the Regional Trial Court 67 in Guimbal town, Iloilo.

Bayan Muna Rep. Teddy Casiño condemned Baldomero's arrest, calling it "classic harassment" against officials and members of the party-list group.

Casiño said that while Baldomero is a former political detainee, "everybody knows" he has been living in his hometown Lezo since 1993 and has even become a barangay councilor of his village Sta. Cruz Biga-a since 1997.

"We suspect that the military is digging dossiers of familiar names especially former political detainees and link them to crimes and cases that they cannot resolve," Casiño told the INQUIRER in a telephone interview.

He said it was "ridiculous and a stretch of imagination" that Baldomero could be involved in the attacks far away from Aklan. "I was with him several times in campaign sorties in Aklan especially near the May 2004 elections," said Casiño.

Baldomero was taken to the Aklan Provincial Police after his arrest and transferred yesterday to Camp Martin Delgado in Iloilo City, the regional police headquarters.

The warrant for destructive arson was the same one used in the Aug. 3 arrest in Oton, Iloilo of Romeo Capalla, who is now detained at the Iloilo Rehabilitation Center.

Bongbong says talks ongoing for dad's burial

By Cristina Arzadon
PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

LAOAG CITY—Negotiations between the Marcoses and the Arroyo administration are continuing for the supposed burial of the late strongman Ferdinand Marcos at the Libingan ng mga Bayani.

Details of the negotiations were under wraps but Ilocos Norte Gov. Ferdinand Marcos Jr. confirmed on Wednesday that his mother, former First Lady Imelda Marcos, had been in constant communication with "some people in the (Malacañang) palace regarding a hero's burial in the coming months."

Asked who were those in the Palace that Mrs. Marcos was in discussion with about the burial, Governor Marcos said: "I think the President. Maybe not everyday but they are talking. I know that they talked last week and I'm sure that they are in touch."

He added: "That's why maybe (the burial will take place). We're just trying to prepare for any eventualities. So maybe."

The governor did not say when and how his mother began convincing the Arroyo administration to agree to a hero's burial.

But the Marcoses have began preparing for the annual observance of Marcos' 88th birth anniversary on Sept. 11.

Traditionally a working holiday in Ilocos Norte, Marcos' birth anniversary gathers members of the Marcos clan.

ROUNDUP

2 persons killed

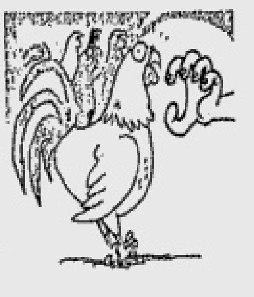
SAN PEDRO, Laguna—Two groups of men contesting for their turn to sing in a videoke bar in this town resorted instead to a rumble, which ended in the killing of two persons and the wounding of another on Saturday night. San Pedro police identified those killed as Joebert Paqueo, 23, of Barangay San Antonio and Leoncio Rabe, 52, laborer, of the same village. Seriously wounded was Luis Manata, 28, of Paliparan, Dasmariñas, Cavite.

Romulo Ponte, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

Award for Cebuanos

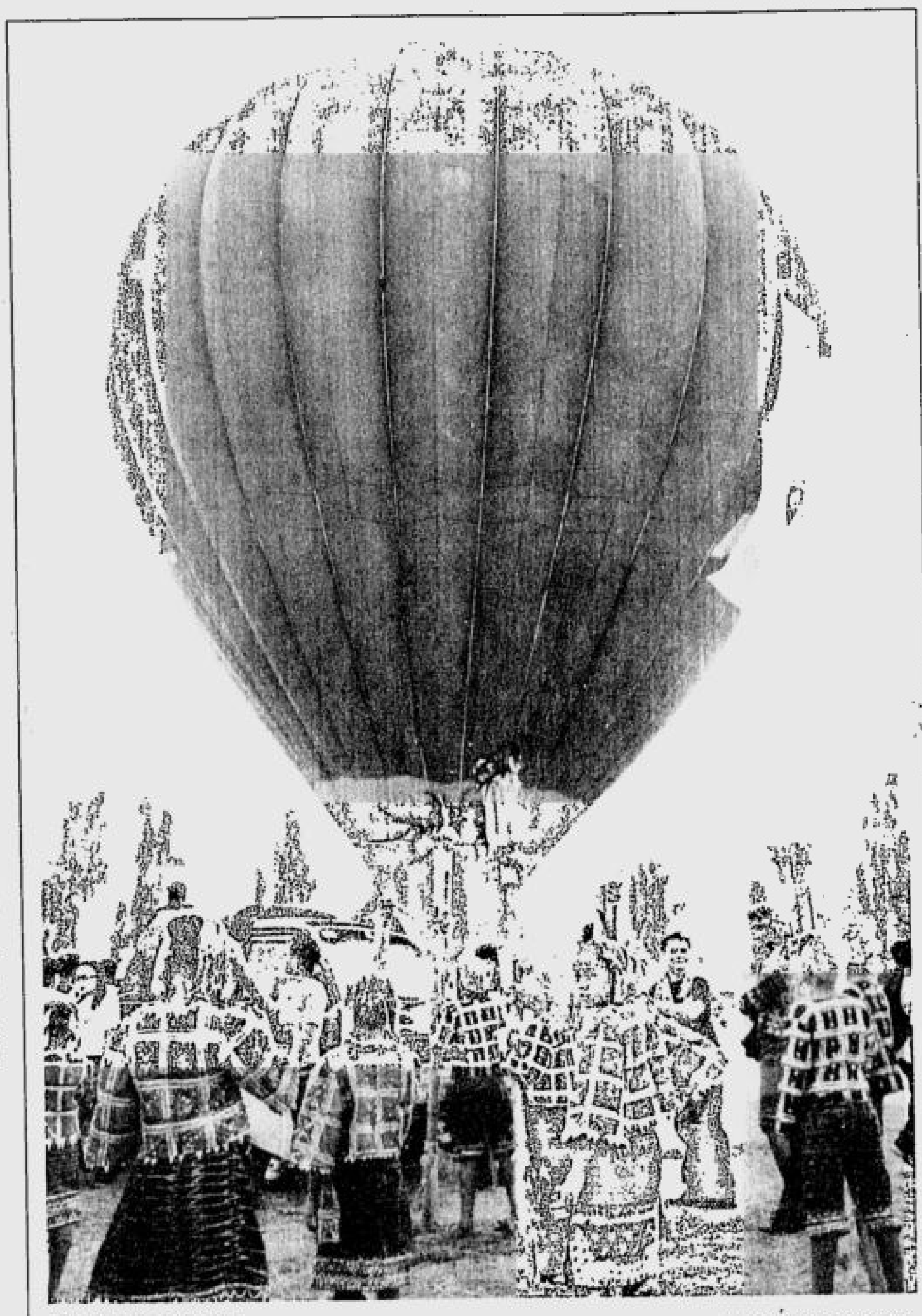
THE 6th AWARD ceremonies for the Ten Outstanding Cebuano Awards (Toca) is set today at the Sacred Heart Center in Cebu City. Bannered as the main highlight of the 23rd anniversary of the longest running radio program over dyFR in Cebu, hosted and anchored by Engineer Greg Senining. "Tingog sa Lungsod," in cooperation with the Sugboanong Komentaristang Nagpakabana (Sukna) and Cebu Trio-Media Association unveils its 6th Toca awards for outstanding achievements in various fields.

35 fighting cocks stolen



CALAUAN, Laguna—Some 35 fighting cocks worth about P245,000 were stolen on Tuesday last week by unidentified suspects from a farm here. Police said that at about 2:50 a.m., Aug. 9, unidentified men made off with the loot from a farm owned by one Riochi Saito of Barangay Limao. An earlier report said security guard Alimaran Dalanda was patrolling around the farm when he noticed that there was no light at the farm gate and the guard house. Dalanda told the police that he was very sure that the lights were on before he left the guardhouse. He found out later that the electrical wires were disconnected intentionally and that some fighting cocks were missing. Farm caretaker Adonis Tanocabio made an inventory and found that 35 fighting cocks were missing.

Romulo Ponte, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau



DAVAO FEAST

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A group of dancers watches a hot air balloon being inflated for as part of the week-long Kadayawan sa Dabaw celebration that started Monday and will culminate tomorrow with a floral float parade and street dancing.

Ibon bears more bad news for economy

BAGUIO CITY—The economy is sinking deeper and deeper, contrary to President Macapagal-Arroyo's optimism that it is on the roll despite the political crisis hounding her government, an officer of an economic think-tank said.

Arnold Padilla, Ibon senior researcher, said there is a need to bring back "economic sanity."

With Ms Arroyo's continued stay in power and her adherence to globalization policies, the economic crisis would only deepen, Padilla told a forum at the University of the Philippines Baguio on Thursday.

He said Ms Arroyo was only basing the economic growth on macro economic indicators such as the increase of national gross domestic product to 6.1 percent and the passage of the law on expanded value added tax, among other things.

"Despite the claim that the economy is doing well, it is actually the other way around. Filipinos are still suffering from hunger," he said.

An indicator which shows that the economy is on the downtrend is that the inflation rate has risen to 8.5 percent in May 2005 from an average of 6 percent in 2004, he said.

The recent Ibon records showed that the 8.5 percent inflation rate is one of the highest in the last 10 years. *Desiree Caluza, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*

JI plot to spring comrades bared

GENERAL SANTOS CITY—Newly trained Jemaah Islamiyah operatives were tasked with rescuing three jailed comrades here as part of their test mission, police authorities said.

Chief Supt. Danilo Mangila, Central Mindanao police director, told reporters that because of this report, he sent more policemen to reinforce security within the General Santos City Reformatory Center in Lanton in Apopong Village here.

Last month, the police and the military arrested alleged JI member Norodin Mangelen alias Nords from his safehouse in Maguindanao. His arrest led to the capture of his two other colleagues Pedro Hamsa and Ali Salipada.

They were tagged as suspects in the Dec. 12, 2004 public market bombing here and in the March 4, 2003 Davao City airport bomb attack.

While the charges against them were still being heard, Mangelen and the two other suspects were being detained at the reformatory center.

Aside from strengthening the security of the jail, Mangila said the police have also intensified its intelligence monitoring to avert any attempt by the JI to rescue Mangelen and his companions.

Mangila said the police could not allow a repeat of the Nov. 2002 jailbreak here, when about 50 gunmen sprang Pentagon kidnap gang leader Tahir Alonto out of the detention facility.

Aquiles Zonio, PDI Mindanao Bureau

Solons seek probe of campus paper closure

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO—Party-list Representatives Satur Ocampo and Teddy Casiño sought an investigation of the closure of the Bulacan State University's campus paper Pacesetter, the dismissal of its seven editors from the editorial board and the threat of expulsion of its editor in chief and five student leaders.

Ocampo and Casiño said the inquiry would center on the Campus Journalism Act of 1991 (Republic Act 7079) and if it adequately protected press freedom.

The law covers student publications in public and private schools.

The lawmakers called for the investigation on the request of the College Editors Guild of the Philippines, the umbrella organization of campus papers in the country.

CEGP national president Jose Cosido earlier called on press freedom advocates in Congress to come to the aid of Pacesetter staffers, saying the actions taken by BSU officials might serve as a precedent in violating campus press freedom.

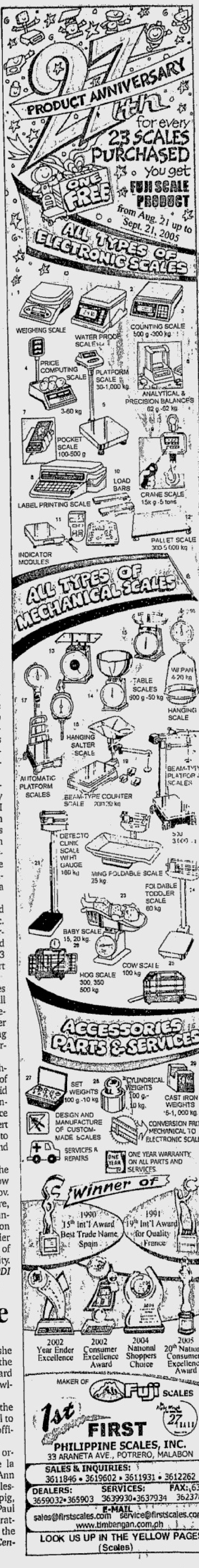
Cosido said the Pacesetter, which was closed after 32 years of publication, has become a rallying point in the CEGP's nationwide campaign to review the state of campus press freedom.

This came after BSU president Dr. Rosario Pimentel invoked that law's provision in dismissing the editors over a lampoon issue.

In her Aug. 3 memorandum, she charged that the staffers violated the law by forming a new editorial board without the administration's knowledge.

Pimentel lamented also that the Pacesetter was being used as a tool to destroy the reputation of school officials.

In the memorandum, Pimentel ordered editor in chief Sheena de la Cruz and section editors Rose Ann San Cianco, Chrismil Maning, Glesselle Adona, Don Johnson Manlapig, Lester Bryan Tonga and Lourlan Paul Delumen to "stop acting and operating as officers and members of the Pacesetter." *Tonette Orejas, PDI Central Luzon Desk*



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Broccoli	1/2 cup	2.00
Cabbage	1/2 cup	0.80
Carrots	1/2 cup	1.50
Corn Kernels	1/2 cup	3.00
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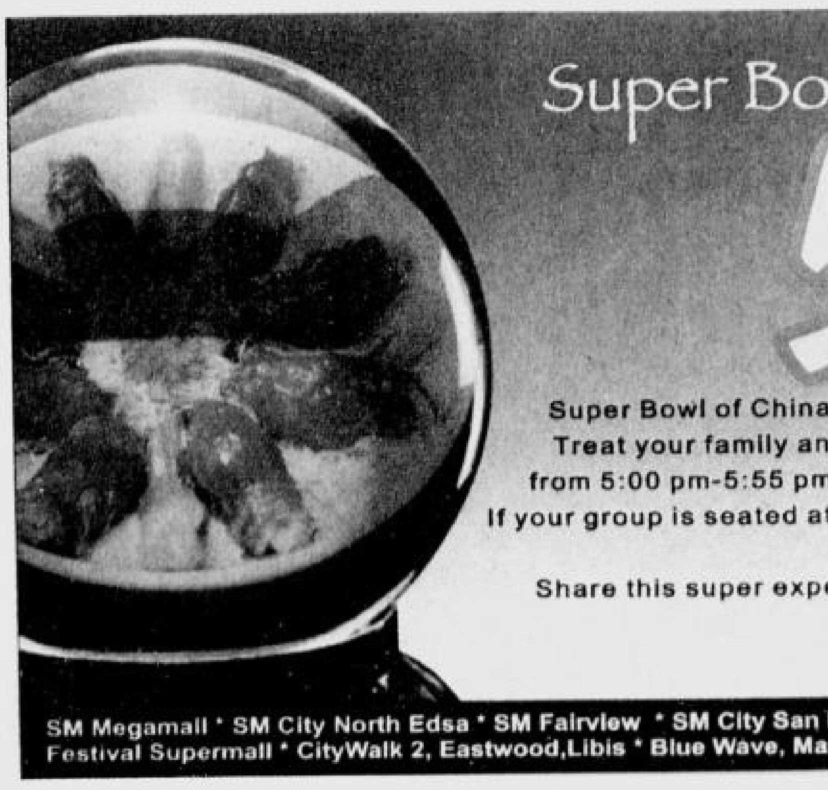

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Banking for the poor, changing lives

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WHEN Cecilia D. del Castillo began Project Dungganon in 1989 to help improve the lives of poor women in Negros Occidental, never did she dream that it would become a multimillion-peso venture that would benefit thousands of women beyond the borders of her home province.

A literature graduate of Maryknoll (now Miriam) College in Quezon City, Del Castillo obtained her master's degree in guidance counseling from Ateneo de Manila University and her doctorate in counseling psychology from Indiana University in the United States. She never thought she would end up a banker for the poor.

When she returned to the Philippines in 1984, Del Castillo started the Negros Women for Tomorrow Foundation Inc. (NWTFI) upon learning that there were no programs to uplift the lives of women.

She said the foundation started feeding programs in Barangay Banago in Bacolod City, where Joel Abong—who became the symbol of hunger and malnutrition in Negros in the last years of the Marcos regime—came from.

When the "People Power" uprising forced the strongman Ferdinand Marcos to flee into exile, Del Castillo was one of the many women NGO workers who urged businessman Daniel Lacson Jr. to accept the call for him to be appointed governor of Negros Occidental by then President Corazon Aquino.

In turn, Lacson asked Del Castillo to become a member of the provincial board and sent her to Bangladesh to learn about the Grameen Bank, a poor man's bank started by Dr. Muhammad Yunus to provide small loans to women without collateral.

Del Castillo's task was to replicate the program in Negros, which was then reeling from a drop in sugar prices and coping with widespread malnutrition problems.

In 1989, with a grant of P5 million from the Canadian International Development Agency and P1 million from the provincial government, the NWTFI began Project Dungganon to help the poor women of Negros.

Honorable

Dungganon is a Hiligaynon word for "honorable," which reflects the recognition of a people's right and capacity to achieve a sense of nobility on their own resolve, said Del Castillo.

The foundation set up office in a house owned by a sister of Del Castillo at 101 San Sebastian St., Bacolod, with a staff of 17 to provide micro-finance loans to women in Manapla and Calatrava towns in the north and Himamaylan and Sipalay towns in the south of Negros. The towns were depressed areas, Del Castillo said.

In the first four years, they provided loans to 7,000 women. Today, they have 63,000 loan beneficiaries out of 110,000 women members.

The road to survival for Dungganon in the first few years was an uphill batrle, Del Castillo recalled.

Just when they were about to run out of resources in 1995, Del Castillo said they got help from the National Livelihood Support Fund. In 1998, a $1.6-million grant from the World Bank enabled them to go full speed in helping more women.

Multimillion-peso building

Today, the NWTFI's Project Dungganon has property and resources for loans worth P500 million, Del Castillo revealed.

On July 17, on the site of the house where they first started work, the five-story building of the "Dungganon Bank Inc: A Microfinance Thrift Bank" was blessed.

The P25-million building will house the bank, the NWTFI offices and training areas for their staff and those who wish to replicate their program elsewhere, Del Castillo said.

Project Dungganon

The NWTFI now has 505 employees serving women not only in Negros Island but also in Samar, Cebu and Palawan. It also provides training for people from other parts of the country, even from as far as Mexico.

The 96-percent success rate in repayment of loans by Dungganon beneficiaries who borrow money for micro financing without collateral can be attributed to the "honor system" they are trained to live by, Del Castillo said.

Dungganon, as a project to reduce hard-core poverty based on credit, is designed to serve women in rural households that belong to the lowest 30 percent of the population. Women in groups of five undergo rigorous training and education on the ideas and procedures of the project before they could apply for loans to ensure payment.

The loans should be for productive use only and are amortized for 50 weeks with interest. The women in the groups work together to set up and maintain viable income-generating projects that will enable them to repay their loans.

The progress of each member is monitored through weekly meetings of groups at a certain area, presided over by Dungganon staff members. If a member cannot pay her loan, it is the responsibility of the rest to see that it is paid.

11 Commandments

The Dungganon members are trained to live by 11 commandments:

- I will not inflict any injustice on anyone, neither will I allow anyone to do so.
- I will plant vegetables all year round. We will eat most of it and sell the surplus.
- I will plan to keep my family small. We will minimize our expenditures and we will look after our health.
- I will educate my children and ensure that I can earn to pay for their education.
- I will always keep my household and environment clean.
- I will build and use pit-latrines.
- I will drink clean potable water. If it is not available, I will boil water before drinking.
- I will not live in a dilapidated house, I will repair my house and work towards constructing a new house at the earliest time, if necessary.
- I will always be ready to help others.
- I will live the four principles of Project Dungganon—discipline, unity, courage, hard work.
- I will plant as many trees as possible. I will not cut down any tree.

Transformed lives

Although not a trained banker, Del Castillo has expertise in psychology that probably served her well in motivating members to lead "Dungganon" lives and to repay the loans they made to start their small businesses.

Among them is Milagros Riguero, 30, of Escalante City, who now makes and sells dried fish.

Before Project Dungganon, she was a housewife taking care of three children. Her fisherman husband earned P100 to P300 a day. On days when there was no fish catch they had no money, she said.

With a loan from Project Dungganon, she bought goods to start a *sari-sari* (variety) store, and with her second loan she bought a pumpboat for her husband. From his catch, they make and sell dried fish.

"I'm happy because our everyday life has become lighter ... If we need something to buy, we have the money to buy it now," she said.

Myrna Hagucoy, 43, of Silay City, said that until she got help from Project Dungganon, she and her husband did not have any fixed income. Along with their four children, they picked clam shells to sell and didn't even had money to buy milk for her children. "We put sugar in water to bottle-feed our children," she recalled.

With money she borrowed from Dungganon, the Hagucoys were able to buy a small fishing boat and fish nets to start a small business.

"Project Dungganon is the best thing that happened to us," she said.

"Now, I, too, want to help those who have nothing," she added, "and I want my children to finish their studies."

Sonia Tanyo, 40, also of Silay, started a native delicacies business with the help of Project Dungganon. With the loan from Dungganon, she bought grinding machines for her products.

With her earnings, she was able to send her children to school. "My dream for my four children is for them to finish school so they won't have to go through all the hardships we have gone through," she said.

Milagros, Myrna and Sonia are just three of the more than 60,000 women whose lives Project Dungganon has transformed.

And with it the new Dungganon Bank, Del Castillo said they hope to reach more and more women so they could continue to create jobs, stimulate small and micro-businesses, and strengthen communities among the poor.

The NWTFI lives by this simple tenet that it has proven true over and over again: "When we work today for a better tomorrow, things happen ... life begins."

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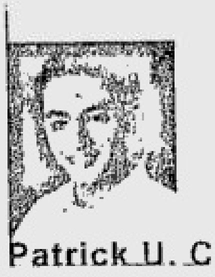

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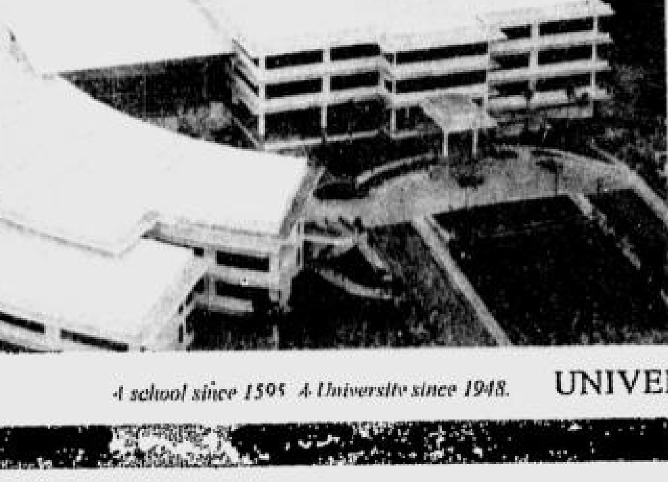

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ESTRADA: Get me out first, fast!

DEFENSOR: Emissary to Tanay

GMA, Estrada start reconciliation talks

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the antigraft court. It is hardly a minor crime as it is punishable by death.

"I asked him, 'Mr. President what can we do for reconciliation?' He said he had always been open to reconciliation and then he mentioned his (request for) recognizance," Defensor recounted.

Earlier this week, the Sandiganbayan had readily allowed Estrada to take leave from his house arrest.

He is scheduled to leave his Tanay rest house for a medical checkup today from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. From the hospital, he is set to attend a prayer rally of the politically influential Catholic charismatic group El Shaddai.

Defensor said he visited Estrada at his rest house in Tanay, Rizal, on July 24, the eve of Ms Arroyo's State of the Nation Address before Congress, an occasion that triggered the biggest anti-administration rally, among the most vociferous being the pro-Estrada forces.

"The following day (July 24), however, he (Estrada) had a statement read [during the demonstration on Commonwealth Avenue] calling for an overthrow of the administration. I was so surprised," Defensor said.

Asked to whom Estrada would be released if his request for recognizance would be granted, Defensor replied: "We no longer discussed that. He filed a motion for bail. He went ahead and [the issue of who'd take him into custody] was no longer discussed."

Estrada filed a petition for bail early this month so he can allegedly better prepare for his defense in the plunder case filed against him by the government.

Defense lawyer Rene Saguisag said they would present Estrada on the witness stand next month to justify his request for bail.

But Special Prosecutor Dennis Villa-Ignacio said they would oppose Estrada's bid for bail.

Energy conservation

While the administration tightens its belt for the looming energy crisis, it is not known whether Estrada will heed Ms Arroyo's plea to conserve fuel and arrive in Metro Manila by land or by air.

"If he (Estrada) wants to go on board a chopper, it's his expense," said Chief Supt. Eduardo Doromal, chief of PNP-Police Security and Protection Office.

"We only provide for land vehicles," Doromal said.

A chopper burns a more expensive kind of fuel compared to cars. Of course, Estrada's whole trip will involve security convoys to guarantee his safety if he travels by land from San Juan, where he is expected to land, to Manila, the seat of the El Shaddai movement.

Doromal said they would not cut down on security officers.

"We cannot scrimp on security," he said. "We will have the same number of security forces we employ when he travels. We cannot have any less."

Faced with soaring fuel prices in the world market, Ms Arroyo has repeatedly called on the public to drastically cut their energy consumption. *(Related story on Page A1.) With a report from Nelson Flores*

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Bishop: It's hard to find ...

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records of commercial flights from the Philippines to Singapore on July 14 did not carry Garcillano's name.

Also, Foreign Secretary Alberto Romulo is showing no signs that his department is feeling the pressure to locate Garcillano.

Asked at a briefing how the Department of Foreign Affairs would help track down Garcillano, Romulo said Philippine embassies worldwide would "make a report" should the man be sighted in any of the host nations.

He said there would be no need for him to issue a specific order to the embassies for this purpose because they "follow developments" at home.

"I suppose our posts are making inquiries," he said.

Romulo also reiterated that the DFA could not cancel Garcillano's passport at this point because he had yet to be declared by the courts as a fugitive from justice.

Lack of urgency

Fernandez said the BI would check with private jet providers to see if Garcillano flew out on a special chartered flight.

He said these companies would be held liable if they did not identify their passengers properly. The penalties could lead to not only the cancellation of the pilot's license but also the permanent grounding of the operator's fleet.

Fernandez, however, said he had already obtained certification that there were no flights out of Subic to Singapore on July 14, the supposed day of Garcillano's departure from the Philippines.

He said the BI would likely seek the help of the Interpol to determine whether Garcillano entered Singapore from another country.

Romulo dismissed the threats aired by some lawmakers to sue the DFA for obstruction of justice over what they considered its poor information-gathering and lack of any sense of urgency concerning the hunt for Garcillano.

"We acted promptly [on their request to] inquire with Singapore and London. We told them what we got, and we extended all cooperation," he said.

Through a communication to the DFA, Singapore immigration had said Garcillano entered the city-state on July 14 and left the following day.

Insult

At the risk of insulting the pilot of the Subic Air Learjet that allegedly flew Garcillano to Singapore, the Air Transportation Office (ATO) said it had again asked Capt. Arthur Santos to clarify the matter.

ATO chief Nilo Jatico told the INQUIRER that it was actually the second time the agency had verified with Santos the veracity of the passenger manifest that the pilot prepared, signed and submitted, together with the flight clearance or general declaration, before leaving for Singapore for a "company flight"—or for maintenance—on July 14.

The first was on July 17, following a rumor that circulated via text messages claiming that Garcillano was whisked out of the country and into Singapore on board the Learjet piloted by Santos, Jatico said.

He said that yesterday morning, Capt. Saturnino de la Cruz, chair of the ATO safety oversight committee, contacted Santos and asked him again if the rumor were true.

"I instructed Captain De la Cruz to call up Captain Santos to double-check because perhaps his (Santos') memory had failed. [Santos] said it was not true," Jatico said, adding:

"That was insulting because the pilot could say, '*Nagdududa ka ba sa akin* (Don't you trust me)?'"

Jatico said pilots were bound by an "honor code" and "brotherhood."

He showed Subic Air RP-C1426's general declaration and passenger manifest signed by Santos showing that there were no passengers on board, only the two pilots (Santos and Capt. Wilfredo Bautista) and a mechanic.

The INQUIRER had earlier obtained a copy of the same documents, as well as its flight plan, showing that it had traveled from Manila to Singapore.

Jatico also said that Santos, being 61 years old, was allowed to pilot international flights as long as there were no paying passengers on board.

Asked where Santos was, Jatico said he did not know.

The INQUIRER learned later yesterday that Santos and Bautista were on a flight overseas and would be back late next week.

Conspiracy theory

Jatico dismissed the conspiracy theory aired by former Constabulary chief Ramon Montano—that officials from the BI, ATO and Subic Air were involved in Garcillano's flight.

"[The idea that] three interlocking agencies [were] supposedly involved defeats the conspiracy. The dictum of conspiracy is to limit [the plan] to a few. If you expand it to more people, the more you would get caught. That was uncalled-for and unfair," Jatico said.

He added: "Some sectors are conveniently making blatant accusations devoid of verifiable facts and figures as well as proper circumspection, and are highly tainted with partisan political colors." *With reports from Volt Contreras, Christian V. Esguerra and Michael Lim Ubac*

Immigration official denies ...

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He said no one approached him for help in getting to Singapore last month, or asked him to fix Garcillano's travel papers.

"That is not part of my duties. I am working in intelligence. I concentrate on antiterrorism and drugs," he said.

According to a copy of a report obtained by the INQUIRER, Delarmente allowed a suspected terrorist to leave the country under questionable circumstances last May.

The report said Delarmente, acting immigration commissioner at that time, approved the deportation order of Vietnamese-American Nguyen Vinh Tan (also known as Vo Van Doc) while the latter was on a medical pass that Delarmente also granted two weeks earlier.

The order was supposedly relayed to Supt. Wendy Rosario, chief of the BI Civil Security Unit (CSU), by one Alma Gonzales, a representative of Vo Van Doc's lawyer identified in the report only as Attorney Basa.

According to the report, Vo Van Doc's deportation papers were signed by the Board of Commissioners even before he was cleared by the BI probation office.

It said Delarmente allowed Vo Van Doc to leave the BI detention cell on May 4 for him to undergo a CT scan at the San Juan de Dios Hospital.

Vo Van Doc was facing deportation proceedings to the United States for his alleged involvement in attacks on Vietnamese embassies in Cambodia on April 13, 2000, an arson case in London on Sept. 2, 2000, and a failed bombing attempt in Bangkok on July 19, 2001.

He was to be tried in US courts after he was positively identified by a witness of the Thai Royal Police as one of the perpetrators of bombing incidents outside the United States.

On May 21, the report said, Vo Van Doc was to board a Cathay Pacific Airlines flight bound for the United States via Hong Kong using his American passport.

To Africa

But with the help of unidentified airport personnel, he boarded an Emirates plane bound for Tagana, Africa, allegedly using a Philippine passport, the report said.

According to a source in the BI, the "disappearance" of Vo Van Doc was discovered weeks after his departure.

An investigation was ordered after an agent from the US Embassy inquired about the status of the deportation proceedings against him, the source said.

He said Commissioner Fernandez immediately ordered the CSU chief to conduct a "discreet" investigation.

The investigation report submitted to Fernandez on June 12 said an immigration agent, Lito Pagaduan, escorted Vo Van Doc to the Ninoy Aquino International Airport but did not turn him over to other BI officers there.

Link to Ebdane

Delarmente said it appeared that he was being linked to Garcillano's flight because he and Public Works Secretary Hermogenes Ebdane Jr. were classmates at the Philippine Military Academy.

Ebdane, a former national police chief, was earlier said to have escorted Garcillano out of the country. But he has denied this.

Delarmente said that after reading the INQUIRER report yesterday, he phoned Ebdane several times but failed to reach the latter.

"We [were] classmates [but] we don't talk about our work," he said. "We have our own duties to perform ... We were close when we were at the PMA but we do respect each other."

He also pointed out that he was not Ebdane's only classmate: "We have many members in the class [of 1970]. I also have classmates on the other side of the fence, like [Parañaque Rep. Roilo] Golez and [ex-Internal Revenue Commissioner Guillermo] Parayno."

Official visit

Delarmente denied that he was in hiding. He said he was in Cebu for a three-day official visit and would return to Manila today.

He said he was addressing a complaint filed by an association of Korean tour operators against fellow Koreans residing in Cebu and allegedly operating illegal tours.

Delarmente said he was confident that the fact-finding committee formed by Commissioner Fernandez would arrive at the truth behind Garcillano's secret departure.

He said that in the event of a conspiracy, there were "corresponding administrative and criminal charges to be filed against those involved."

Justice Secretary Raul Gonzalez has given the committee 30 days to complete its investigation, according to a BI press release.

Senior State Prosecutor Emily de los Santos is committee chair and BI executive director Roy Almoro, vice chair. The other members are immigration regulation chief Edgardo Mendoza and state prosecutors Lourdez Zapanta and Olivia Non.

Gov't starts frantic search for oil

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Yesterday, President Macapagal-Arroyo instructed Energy Secretary Raphael Lotilla and Foreign Secretary Alberto Romulo to exert "all diplomatic efforts" to secure cheap oil for the country and ensure "more stable (oil) supply arrangements."

Ten exploration contracts have been awarded to foreign and local oil firms to search in waters off the Visayas and Northern Luzon, the Department of Energy said in a statement.

"We have to actively push for energy independence by developing our own resources to mitigate the adverse effects of soaring oil prices," Lotilla said.

The government is eyeing Russia and Saudi Arabia as possible sources of cheap oil.

"We must act globally and locally," Ms Arroyo told a gathering of government officials, state universities and colleges, and oil players at an energy command conference in Malacañang where she reiterated the need to adopt energy conservation measures.

Romulo told reporters he and Lotilla would meet to discuss an "all-out" program based on the President's directive.

According to Romulo, President Arroyo sounded the alarm of the looming oil crisis as early as April during the Asia-African summit in Jakarta.

"Saudi has about one-quarter of the oil reserves, so certainly they are a source of oil for us," Romulo told reporters.

The government is also pushing a fresh initiative to search for domestic petroleum reserves to meet the challenge of skyrocketing crude oil prices that could impair economic growth.

Gas exploration

On Thursday, Economic Planning Secretary Augusto Santos said that economic growth would slow while inflation would rise unless international oil prices went back below $60 a barrel for the rest of the year. World oil prices hover around $64 after reaching a record high of $67.10 last week.

A consortium involving Australia's BHP Billiton, Amerada Hess Ltd., Unocal Sulu Ltd. and Sandakan Oil II, LLC, would explore for oil and gas in the Sulu Sea.

The consortium of Alcorn Gold Resources Corp., Trans-Asia Oil and Energy Development Corp. and PetroEnergy Resources Corp. won permission to search over the East Visayan basin off the island of Leyte.

EF Durkee and Associates will drill in the Piat-San Jose area of the Cagayan Valley region of northern Luzon near a gas field operated by the government.

India's Laxmi Organic Industries Ltd. will explore in the Mindoro-Cuyo basin west of Mindoro island. The consortium of Ottoman Energy Ltd., Australasian Energy Ltd. and Trans-Asia Oil and Energy Development Corp. won a contract to explore west of Palawan.

Nido Petroleum Philippines Ltd. was awarded a contract off Palawan.

Petronas Carigali and Philippine National Oil Co.-Exploration Corp. will drill off Mindoro, Aragorn Power Corp. will prospect in the Cagayan basin, Phil-Mal Petroenergy Corp. in the south of Cebu, and Ottoman Energy Ltd. will drill northwest of Palawan.

A petroleum assessment conducted with the help of the Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation showed that the country's total recoverable petroleum resources could reach about 3.6 billion barrels of oil, 28.5 trillion cubic feet of gas and another 165 million barrels of condensate, the DOE said.

Lotilla said the groups will spend about $94 million over the seven-year term of the exploration contracts.

Oil imports

The Philippines imports about 126 million barrels of oil per year, the DOE said. Oil, nearly all of which is imported, accounts for about 39 percent of the country's total energy consumption.

Based on the updated Philippine Energy Plan 2005, the country's gasoline demand is projected to increase by 7.4 million barrels in the next five years.

From its current consumption of 27.9 million barrels of gasoline, the Philippines would require 29.1 million barrels next year and 35.4 million barrels by 2010.

The gasoline demand is seen to increase to 40.4 million barrels by 2013 or around 12 million barrels more than the current requirement.

"The current crisis should not have been a surprise. Many quarters, including Greenpeace, have long been clamoring for the government to take a strategic and comprehensive approach regarding our country's need for energy and energy security and environmental protection," Greenpeace regional energy campaigner Red Constantino said.

Renewable sources

The environmentalist group is pushing for the development of new and renewable energy sources to reduce the country's dependence on oil.

Constantino said passing the ethanol bill authored by Bukidnon Rep. Miguel Zubiri would be crucial in facing the long-term problem of oil dependency.

The bill requires all gasoline mixtures to have 5 percent ethanol content, which would increase to 10 percent three years after the law's implementation.

Ethanol can be sourced from sugarcanes.

Greenpeace noted that Brazil has cars running on 95 percent ethanol while Japan has a 3-percent mandated blend which it is importing from Brazil.

Ethanol bill

The first ethanol plant in the Philippines was established by Bronzeoak Philippines and the National Development Corp. in San Carlos, Negros Occidental. The plant produces 100,000 liters of ethanol per day.

"This is the right direction, and the government would do well to support this initiative," Constantino said.

He said the San Carlos firm is eyeing two more production plants while another sugar miller in Mindanao is interested in ethanol production. Seaoil and two other companies are keen on a similar venture, Constantino said.

If the ethanol bill is passed, the Philippines would need 222 million liters of ethanol a year based on the 2005 gasoline demand.

Constantino said this would open the Philippine market to foreign firms interested in investing in renewable energy sources.

Incentives

"Maybe the government can give incentives similar to what it gives the coal power plants. It will send a strong signal to the local and foreign investor community," he said.

The Philippines uses 320,000 barrels of oil per day or 116.8 million barrels a year. The transport, power and industry sectors are the biggest oil consumers in the country. *With a report from AFP*

FVR favors emergency powers for GMA

By Vincent Cabreza
PDI Northern Luzon Bureau
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BAGUIO CITY—Former President Fidel Ramos yesterday urged Congress to grant President Macapagal-Arroyo emergency powers to deal with the looming oil crisis.

"For as long as the situation has not normalized," Ramos said emergency powers may be essential because Ms Arroyo is confronting the same conditions he faced during a power crisis in the early 1990s.

He said the President's powers should restore the country to normalcy "for the people, and not just for those who have cars and factories and other industries that use power."

"Congress can cut another law terminating her emergency powers, or in the [emergency powers] law [for the President], as they did with [my emergency powers], there is a termination clause," he told reporters here.

Ramos himself was the beneficiary of emergency powers in 1993 which he used to offer incentives to attract private firms to put up power plants.

But Sen. Joker Arroyo has questioned the grant of emergency powers to the President, saying these could be abused.

Arroyo said the last time these were granted the result was the onerous contracts with independent power producers.

These IPPs under the Ramos administration, he said, cost the taxpayers P500 billion which they are paying up to now.Arroyo said Malacañang should first disclose whether the country has oil reserves of 120, 90 or 70 days before asking Congress to grant emergency powers to President Arroyo.

"If we don't have reserves, it means that the government has no contingency plan. That means that they are sleeping on their jobs and are now asking for emergency powers," Arroyo said.

Palace urged to sell off SUVs, other gas guzzlers

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government-wide "clearance sale" of "luxury or unneeded" cars would not only result in fuel savings, but would generate revenues for the cash-strapped government as well.

"If you want to limit the supply, eliminate the demand. That's the common sense approach. Selling expensive cars is better than rationing expensive gasoline to them," said Andaya.

Most of the SUVs which are gas-guzzlers are being used by ranking government officials, including police and military officers.

But Andaya said the auction must not include SUVs "deployed in the field for police, hospital, firefighting and military use."

Surigao del Norte Rep. Robert Ace Barbers said the other day that the government spends P4 million a day for fuel alone.

Andaya recalled that after assuming office in 2001, President Macapagal-Arroyo ordered all government agencies and government-owned and -controlled corporations "to empty their garages of luxury cars."

Unfortunately, nothing had been heard of the order since then, Andaya lamented.

"On the contrary, GOCCs and their directors have not only ignored the order but have gone on a car-buying spree, if, for example, the revelation of how the head of a government-sequestered UCPB subsidiary bought SUVs for his use, is representative of whole GOCC sector," Andaya said.

Presidential convoy

In Malacañang, the President's security team is studying ways to cut the number of vehicles in her convoy to save on fuel.

"I even asked my own security people, how do we reduce our gas-guzzling convoy," Ms Arroyo said.

Ms Arroyo's convoy can number up to 10 vehicles, including motorcycle riders who clear traffic from her path and an ambulance for emergencies.

Presidential Security Group (PSG) head Brig. Gen. Delfin Bangit said they were switching to diesel fuel and studying which vehicles they could do without.

"There will be reduction of vehicles in the convoy but it doesn't mean we will reduce security," he said.

The ambulance that normally accompanies the presidential convoy would also be taken out, Bangit said.

Other energy-saving measures already adopted by the PSG included the closure of gymnasium and other athletic facilities by 7 p.m. and the closure of its offices by 5 p.m., he said.

Another legislator said that Cabinet officials should lead the belt-tightening measures and also reduce their convoy.

"Members of the Cabinet should set an example. They have too many escorts in their convoy, and they should lessen this. It would be a good way to save energy," Cavite Rep. Crispin Remulla told reporters yesterday at the Ambassador Hotel forum.

Set example

He added that people would be more likely to heed the appeal to practice energy conservation measures if those in government would do the same.

During yesterday's meeting at the presidential palace, energy officials and oil company executives signed an agreement on conservation measures to ensure adequate energy supply.

The measures include cutting hours for gas stations and exploring ways to cut dependence on imported petroleum products.

Ms Arroyo said Thailand saved five percent of its energy consumption by shortening the hours for petrol stations.

She also encouraged oil and gasoline dealers and companies to carry biodiesel in their stations nationwide to reduce dependence on imported oil.

Under the Memorandum of Agreement between the Department of Energy and 22 oil companies and gas dealers, the operations of gas stations will be cut to 20 hours a day in the next six months.

They also agreed to implement the government's energy efficiency and conservation program in their respective business offices, gasoline stations and refineries."

Ms Arroyo said that gas rationing in government was a "possibility in the worst-case scenario, wherein a severe shortage could force allocation to serve prime security, social and economic imperatives."

The President also announced that some gas stations will start selling ethanol blend fuels on Aug. 29 while some 200 buses starting next month until December will run on compressed natural gas.

On Thursday, Arroyo ordered government offices, government-owned and -controlled corporations and state universities and colleges to ration fuel for government vehicles, ensure at least 10 percent savings on power and fuel costs, and end the use of gas-guzzling vehicles.

She said she was also considering reinstating the four-day work week for government offices to save on energy and cut costs. Government saved P144 million in power and fuel expenses when it implemented a shortened workweek in April and May. *With reports from Gil C. Cabacungan Jr., AP and AFP*

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Losing faith? Go hi-tech, text Mary

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To keep Catholics devoted to their faith, the Way of the Mary organization yesterday launched a cell phone-based project that enables them to avail of religious services such as novenas, Mass offerings and rosaries—done through the miracle of texting.

The project dubbed "Text Mary" is the religious equivalent of widespread text promos. It charges P2.50 for each text "petition" sent via Globe and Smart, and P2 via Sun Cellular Network.

Joe Magsaysay, the project's proponent along with Louie Reyes, said Text Mary was not meant to "supplant or substitute for the sanctity of the actual performance or witnessing of the desired religious activities."

"(It) will only be a convenient option for the faithful who may not always have the time to go to Church to personally perform or witness the rituals," he said in a message.

One can avail of Church services by texting "MARY" to Globe (2219), Smart (483) and Sun (2823). Subsequently typing "ROSARY" will send a petition to be included in the prayers of the Carmelite nuns.

Key words

The key word "MASS" will include a petition in a daily Mass while typing "NOVENA" will download prayers to be received for nine consecutive days.

Mass petitions will be prayed in churches such as the Manila Cathedral and the churches in Baclaran, Quiapo and Ermita.

Besides petitions, a subscriber could also receive daily prayers, inspirational quotes and alerts on feast days and other religious events.

"Today, so many people are sending text messages for no important reason," Reyes told reporters during the program's launching at the Arzobispado in Intramuros, Manila. "Maybe we can also use them to get closer to the Church."

In the near future, he said the system would be capable of sending "pasa intensions." Picking up from Smart's "Pasa Load," the feature would automatically alert a person that a friend had offered a prayer.

To build 20 shrines

The success of the Text Mary will help Reyes' group complete the "Way of Mary" project of Sin. It plans to build 20 shrines representing the mysteries of the rosary from Ortigas to Antipolo. So far, the group has built only the Shrine of the Annunciation on Ortigas Avenue.

Part of the proceeds of the project will also go to Sin's Serviam Foundation, his village in Punta in Sta. Ana, Manila, and the Pondo ng Pinoy program of Manila Archbishop Gaudencio Rosales.

GMA lawyer says seized election returns useless as evidence

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cañang yesterday.

The Vice President also shrugged off allegations that he was harassing Legarda, saying that it was not in his personality to harass people. He also took Legarda to task for issuing statements against him in the media, saying that if she wanted to win her protest in the media, she never should have bothered to file an electoral protest before the PET.

He expressed the hope that Legarda would just wait for the PET to decide on their case.

"No matter how much we talk in the media, it's still the PET's decision in the end that will be followed," he said. He said Legarda should trust the PET.

De Castro also asked how the ERs found in the home of Tabayoyong could decide their protest when the documents in question were being kept in Congress.

Macalintal said the presidential election protest filed by the late Fernando Poe Jr. was over while Legarda's protest over the vice presidential results were hinged only on Congress' copies of the returns.

"Legarda could not even use the Tabayoyong returns in her protest because these were not the ones used during the canvass and only the Congress copies of the returns were subject of her protest," he explained.

Macalintal also warned against politicians and "experts" presenting fake returns before the media. "Please don't believe them, they're not true," he said. "They don't know the process of accomplishing returns; they think that if they discover a minor defect or error by the teacher, they can quickly shout to the world that cheating took place."

He said it was impossible to prepare returns in advance because one cannot determine the exact number of voter turnout.

"Hence, it is impossible to determine how many votes should be credited to the favored candidates," Macalintal explained.

He described as an impossibility the opposition claim that 30,000 returns were accomplished by only one person. This, he said, is because a return takes an average 10 minutes to finish, so one person will need 5,000 days or 13.6 years without rest to accomplish 30,000 returns.

Moreover, a return contains not only the names of the presidential and vice presidential candidates but also those of the senatorial and local candidates. So votes for the latter should also be fixed, he said. And fixers would have to forge the signatures of each member of the board of election inspectors.

AFP admits lead role in raid, seizure of evidence

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fabricated" to ensure President Arroyo's victory.

Sen. Rodolfo Biazon, chair of the Senate defense and security committee, said that unless Senga could fully explain its role in the operation, the Isafp would be suspected of "being used for partisan politics," which he said is a clear violation of the Constitution.

The raid came two days after Senga was sworn in as AFP chief of staff by the President in place of retiring Gen. Efren Abu.

"Together with other developments, such as the Garci flight, muddling up of the tapes, the disappearance of the probable witnesses, retraction of testimonies by witnesses, the filing of cases against probable witnesses and other such actions, is the Tabayoyong raid a part of a grand design to weaken, if not outrightly kill the impeachment process?" Biazon said.

"And if this is so, is the whole government bureaucracy, including the AFP, being mobilized for these efforts?"

Violation of human rights

Legarda denounced the raid as a "gross violation of human rights and civil liberties," and likened it to the tactics of Hitler's Gestapo.

She also appealed to the police and the military to remain neutral in the current heated political controversy. She demanded the return of documents, photographs and other materials seized by the CIDG and Isafp agents from the Tabayoyong house.

Warning

Biazon, who served as AFP chief during the Aquino administration, warned that the Isafp could be held liable for obstruction of justice if the Election Returns would be used in the House of Representatives' impeachment proceedings.

"The same pieces of evidence will definitely be material in the impeachment trial should the impeachment process reach the Senate to be constituted as an impeachment court," Biazon said.

"If anything happens to these proceedings, Isafp could be held liable for obstruction of justice for tampering with evidence, which is an offense under our law."

And if indeed no search warrant was secured for the operation, the senator said that the Isafp could be held liable for the possible violation of the rights of Tabayoyong.

AFP apolitical?

Isafp's involvement in yet another political controversy came even as the AFP leadership declared an "apolitical" stance toward the political crisis hounding the President.

By way of explanation, Honrado said Isafp received a tip from a civilian informant about "unusual activities" in the rented house of Tabayoyong in San Mateo, Rizal.

He said Isafp agents were told by residents in the area about "strangers going into the house, carrying boxes."

Isafp sought the assistance of the Philippine National Police "because it (Isafp) had no police powers," according to Honrado, head of the AFP Civil Relations Service.

Not internal security

He added Isafp needed the police assistance "because it's not (an) internal security" operation.

According to the version by Interior Secretary Reyes on Thursday, Isafp was contacted by the lawyer of the owner of the house, Carmela Cabuhat.

Reyes said Cabuhat voluntarily "turned over" the voluminous election returns and other paraphernalia found in the place to the military and police operatives.

According to the PNP's Criminal Investigation and Detection Group-National Capital Region, a .38 cal. Smith & Wesson revolver and assorted ammunition were also found among the documents.

Honrado said Cabuhat signed a written authorization allowing Isafp and the CIDG to search her house.

He said this was the basis for the seizure of the documents.

Martial law-type ops

Senate President Franklin Drilon had denounced the "martial law-type" operation, referring to the practice of dictator President Marcos using the military and the police as his "personal goons."

"We respect the opinions and perceptions of the good senator. But I was informed the owner signed the authorization so there's no need for a search warrant," Honrado said.

Neither Reyes nor CIDG-NCR chief Senior Supt. Asher Dolina had previously mentioned an authorization letter from Cabuhat.

Reyes had also said that by the time CIDG-NCR operatives arrived in San Mateo Tuesday night, Isafp operatives were already inside the house and had already brought out the boxes of documents and other paraphernalia into the living room.

What's legal basis?

Like Reyes and Dolina, Honrado also could not cite any legal basis for the confiscation of Tabayoyong's documents.

"I don't know the legal aspect, the legal liability. That should be asked of the police," Honrado said.

Not again

In June, Isafp was suspected as the source of the "Hello Garci" tapes after one of its agents, T/Sgt. Vidal Doble, allegedly made a deal with ex-National Bureau of Investigation deputy chief Samuel Ong to sell for P2 million the tapped conversations between Ms Arroyo and an election executive widely believed to be Virgilio Garcillano.

Doble and his family remain under Isafp custody. *With a report from Cynthia Balana*

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Workers' inns to rise for Metro vendors

By Tarra V. Quismundo

RARING to show it also has a heart for transients, the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) has embarked on a project that would give cheap, temporary housing to vendors and other urban workers who have no place to go to at the end of the day.

The MMDA's planning office said yesterday it would build medium-rise workers' inns in Metro Manila as part of its program to keep off vendors and transients with limited resources from sleeping in the streets.

"People perceive the MMDA as anti-poor because we have been driving vendors out of the roadways. This project would give them decent sleeping quarters. At the same time, they will also have a venue for their merchandise," said Cora Cruz, MMDA's Assistant General Manager for Planning.

The halfway-house project, called Bed-and-Bath Shops, would provide refreshing showers and sound sleep to the target 5,000 urban workers and 1,500 vendors in Metro Manila who live far from the workplace.

Besides reducing the number of street sleepers, the project aims to save time and transportation costs for urban workers who commute from nearby provinces daily, apart from giving them affordable stall space. "Those who work in the markets would rather sleep on the streets. The low-cost dormitories, however, will only cost them P25 a night," Cruz told the INQUIRER.

The MMDA is currently looking for possible sites for each worker's inn,. envisioned as a four-story building rising on a 300-square meter lot.

The inn's first floor, said Cruz, would have an "off-street" vending area. Commercial and office spaces would be available for lease on the second floor.

The upper two floors, meanwhile, would be segregated dormitories for transients, with the third floor an exclusive area for females, and the fourth floor solely for males. Each level would also have a common toilet and bath.

"By 10 a.m. the next day, they should be out of the building. They are not supposed to leave anything in the room because the dormitories would be hosed down to keep the area clean," she said.

The dorms would be furnished with basic amenities based on the initial plan, with bunker beds and a recreation area.

The MMDA said construction of the inns would begin in December.

JOAN BONDOC

AT THE CIRCLE
HONOR guards fire a gun salute at the 127th birth anniversary of Manuel Quezon, first president of the Commonwealth, at the Quezon Memorial Circle yesterday. Above: Chest doctors join fun run at the Circle.

Mayors cool to bicycle lane proposal

By Edson C. Tandoc Jr., Jocelyn R. Uy and Tina G. Santos

A GOOD idea, but difficult to implement.

This is how most mayors in Metro Manila describe the plan of the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) to set aside bike lanes in the metropolis. "We want to study the plan in practical terms," Mandaluyong City Mayor Neptali Gonzales II said, adding that the MMDA should first identify the areas to be included in the plan. Pasig City Mayor Vicente Eusebio said the plan would work only in big cities, where roads were wide. Marikina City, where MMDA chair Bayani Fernando was mayor for three terms, now has about 30 kilometers of bike lanes.

Mayor JV Ejercito said most roads in San Juan were very narrow to accommodate bike lanes. But he welcomed the plan, saying his only worry was the safety of bikers because of many undisciplined motorists.

Pasay City Mayor Wenceslao "Peewee" Trinidad said the plan really depended on whether or not a place had enough space for lanes. Muntinlupa City Mayor Jaime Fresnedi said their sidewalks were just wide enough for pedestrians. Las Piñas City Mayor Imelda Aguilar, on the other hand, said the idea was laudable, but the city's limited road network made it impractical. Pateros Mayor Rosendo Capco said if new roads and highways were constructed or opened in his city, he would allow bike lanes.

Manila Mayor Lito Atienza favored bike lanes but only on a temporary basis. "Bike lanes are inefficient and we're going backward," he said, adding that other countries, like China, where bicycle was the primary mode of transportation, had already banned the two-wheeled vehicle.

Pasig traffic still same after 'coding' suspension — MMDA

By Tarra V. Quismundo and Edson C. Tandoc Jr.

THE METROPOLITAN Manila Development Authority (MMDA) said yesterday that traffic within Pasig City and nearby connecting roads remained the same, even with the suspension of the number coding scheme two weeks ago.

"But in time, there could be a 20 percent increase in the number of vehicles on the road... That's about the reduction in volume of vehicles on a given day because of number coding," said MMDA Traffic Operations Center (TOC) executive director Angelito Vergel de Dios.

Early this month, Pasig Mayor Vicente Eusebio ordered his local traffic management office to suspend the Unified Vehicular Volume Reduction Program (UVVRP), a metro-wide traffic reduction scheme that keeps vehicles off the road one day of the week based on the last number of their license plates.

With a bustling business hub, the Ortigas Center, thousands of vehicles enter Pasig everyday through major roads like Edsa, Ortigas Avenue, C5 Road, Shaw Boulevard, and Doña Julia Vargas Avenue.

Despite Pasig's move, traffic on adjacent roads might not increase much, as vehicles entering the city from nearby areas would still be subject to number coding, said Vergel de Dios.

He added that the only people who would enjoy the advantage were motorists driving within the city, or going from Pasig to neighboring towns in Rizal. The MMDA official said the Pasig City government did not give notice of the traffic scheme's suspension.

Eusebio said families in Pasig could cut their expenses by using just one car throughout the week, instead of several. Based on his observation, he added, there was no need to continue implementing the coding scheme. The mayor had said earlier that the scheme did not help ease traffic in the city.

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Boogie nights in Pasay

SENIOR citizens can now learn to boogie or relive the swing era at no cost when they join Pasay City's "boogie nights" recreation program. "It's really hitting two birds with one stone. The program is for the seniors' physical fitness and at the same time for leisure," said Councilor Edith Vergel de Dios, who is at the top of the project. Every Friday at 5 p.m., ballroom dancing takes place at the second floor lobby of the Pasay City Hall, complete with 10 dance instructors. The free dancing sessions started last Friday, with 25 pairs in attendance. "Some of them even brought their own instructors," Vergel de Dios added. The project was initiated in 1996 solely for City Hall employees, but was discontinued after a few months. Following an appeal from senior citizens, the councilor decided to reinstate the program. *Jocelyn R. Uy*

Baclaran gears up for OBR

BACLARAN is ready for the Organized Bus Route (OBR) scheme. "As far as space is concerned, it is now ready for the implementation of the OBR," Parañaque City police chief Supt. Ronald Estilles said yesterday.The service road fronting the Mother of Perpetual Help National Shrine, indeed, is now spotless after local police started clearing Roxas Boulevard and Redemptorist Church of sidewalk vendors last Friday in preparation for the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority's implementation of the OBR scheme. One of the six OBR "endpoint terminals" is in Baclaran, just in front of the popular shrine. The implementation of the scheme had been hampered because of due illegal vendors occupying the service road. Estilles said they would keep the area under tight watch in case the vendors return, adding that they would continue their clearing operations along portions of Taft Avenue under the jurisdiction of the Pasay City government. *Jocelyn R. Uy*

Teens in shooting spree

BEWARE of these trigger-happy young men. Armed with air soft replica rifles, a group of teenagers attacked innocent bystanders in San Juan town early yesterday morning, firing white plastic pellets and sending passersby in a state of panic. The group first attacked an elderly couple sleeping inside a passenger jeep parked on N. Domingo Street at about 2 a.m. Half an hour later, the young men opened fire at bystanders in front of a restaurant on Connecticut Street, Greenhills, town police chief Supt. Rodelio Jocson said. Police believe that only one group was behind the attacks since the white plastic pellets recovered from the two sites were of the same make. Police are now tracing the owner of the group's getaway van after witnesses were able to jot down its plate number. *Edson C. Tandoc Jr.*

Cavite's casino habitués

ON TARGET

Ramon Tulfo

THERE could be truth to the accusation that Cavite Gov. Erineo "Ayong" Maliksi was involved in graft for which the Ombudsman has suspended him for six months.

For two months in a row, from June to July, Maliksi was seen at least three times a week at the Heritage Hotel casino on Roxas Boulevard, Pasay City. He played inside the casino's Palace room which is reserved for VIPs. My unimpeachable casino sources said that Ayong Maliksi lost from P700,000 to P800,000 every time he went to the hotel casino.

If we multiply P700,000 (that's the minimum) by three—which is the number of times in a week that the Cavite governor went to the casino—we will arrive at P2.1 million. That's the amount Maliksi supposedly lost each week. And since there are four weeks in a month, we will multiply P2.1 million by four and we get this figure: P8.4 million. That's the amount Maliksi lost in a month. And since Ayong Maliksi went to the Heritage Hotel casino for two months straight, we then multiply P8.4 million by two. The total is P16.8 million. That's the amount the suspended governor lost in the June-July period. Now, where did Ayong Maliksi get P16.8 million to be wasted away at the gambling casino? Your answer is as good as mine. Unless, of course the good suspended governor won in the lotto and *galit siya sa pera*.

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But the guy who replaced Maliksi temporarily at his post (although Maliksi refuses to vacate it) is another big gambler himself. Vice Governor and now acting Governor Juanito Victor Remulla was also a habitué of the casinos. My sources also said he also lost millions of pesos in the casinos.

It will be recalled that the acting governor's old man, former Gov. Juanito Remulla, got defeated many elections ago because of the casino issue. Former National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) Director Epimaco Velasco, a newcomer, beat Old Man Remulla in what was considered an upset. The Caviteños learned weeks before the election that old man Remulla had frequented the casinos and lost heavily. If elections were to be held several weeks from now, given the information about Maliksi and the young Remulla, the two officials would be defeated by their respective rivals. Cavite voters don't like gamblers for their officials.

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The Office of the Ombudsman was fast in suspending Maliksi. But why is it not as fast in suspending Makati Mayor Jejomar Binay, Vice Mayor Ernesto Mercado and other town officials when there is strong evidence they took part in massive overpricing and ghost delivery of materials amounting to P622 million?

The irregularities were uncovered by a Commission on Audit team which made a report that became the basis for the filing of the plunder case against Binay et. al. What is sauce for the gander is also sauce for the goose.

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The Bureau of Customs has imposed higher taxes on selected shipments in violation of a World Trade Organization directive. The Philippines is a participant of the WTO.

Under the WTO directive, assessment of shipment should be based on the transaction value, i.e., commercial invoice. Mostly, selected shipments contain items that come regularly by volume, such as fruits, noodles, toys, plastic products and baby diapers. From the usual P14,000 payment of taxes and duties on fruits, the customs bureau has imposed a bench mark of P30,000, or a more than 100 percent increase!

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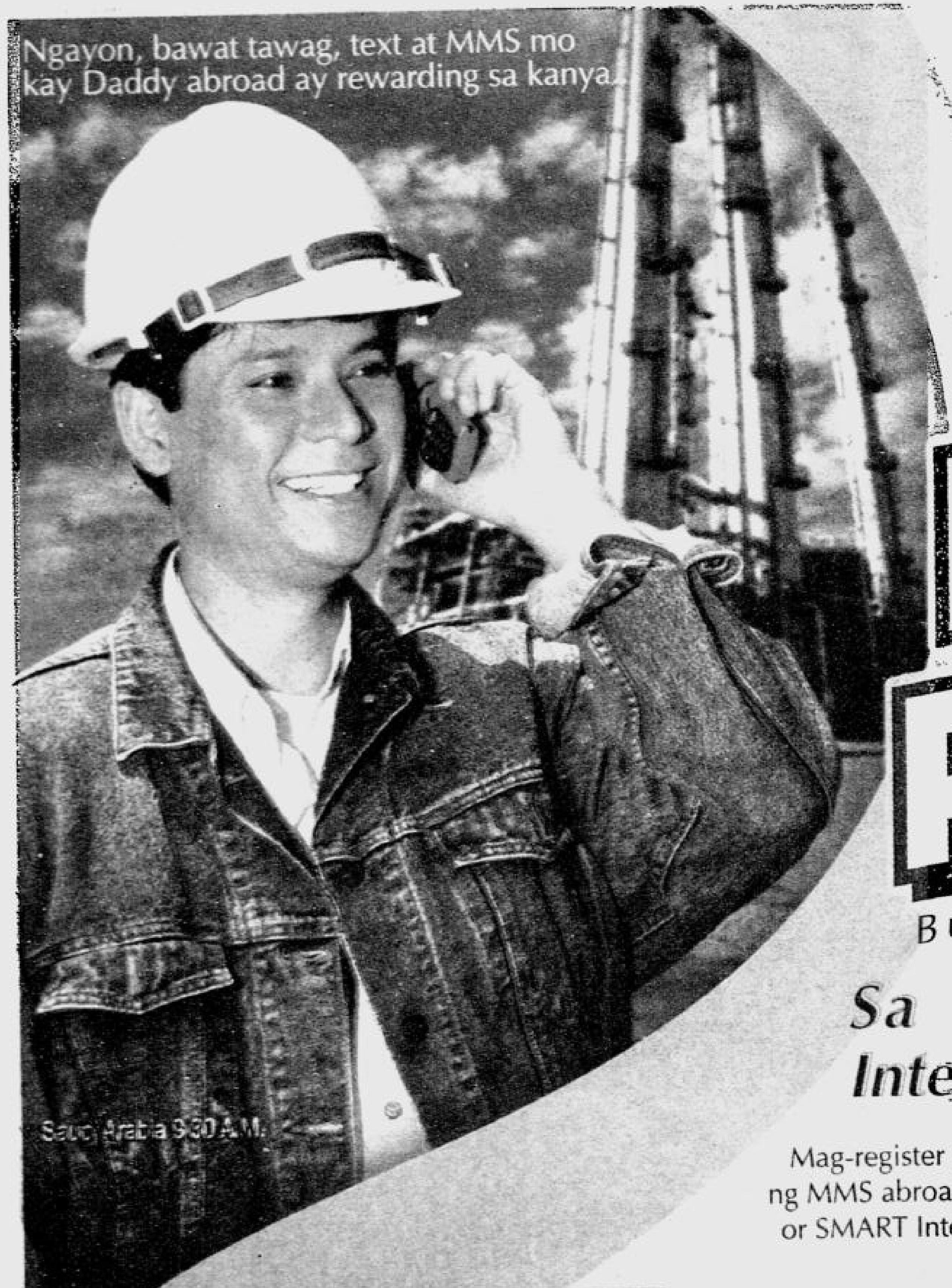
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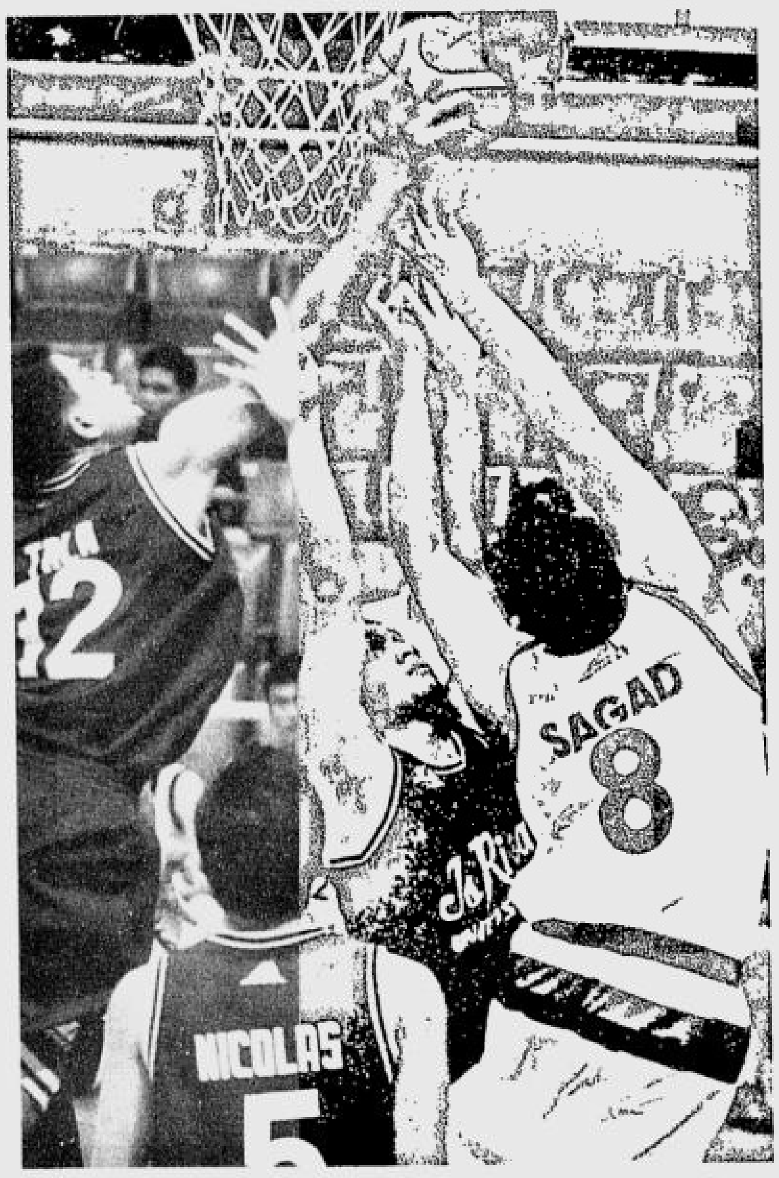

JOSE Rizal U's Edson Tala (12) soars to deny St. Benilde gunner Jay Sagad during their game yesterday at Cuneta Astrodome. RYAN LIM

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11:30 a.m.—Jose Rizal U vs Perpetual (Jrs)
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4 p.m.—Mapua vs Letran (Srs)

By Jasmine W. Payo

UNIVERSITY of Perpetual Help survived the loss of four key men to boot out the San Beda Lions, 66-60, yesterday as the Altas kept their hopes alive of making the Final Four in the NCAA basketball tournament.

Role player Jonjon Refuerzo stepped up for four Altas key players who all fouled out in the last five minutes, shooting 10 of his 16 points in the fourth quarter.

Khiel Misa also drilled in 16 points before picking up his fifth foul midway in the final period.

"We still have a slim chance (of making it to the Final Four), but it's not in our total control," said coach Bai Cristobal after the Altas bumped off the Lions from the semifinal race.

The St. Benilde Blazers also kept their chances

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RP 'gold mines' back on roster

THE PHILIPPINES is making the most of its hosting privileges, at least with the selection of events. There are 41 sports disciplines staking a total of 441 gold medals and of the events, the country is bringing back bowling, golf and arnis which were all stricken off the 2003 roster in Vietnam. The three events are just some of the gold mines where the Philippines hopes to anchor its medal machine on.

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GUESS which sport will try to get the Philippines literally into the SEA Games groove early? Dancesports will be making its debut in the biennial meet the country is hosting from Nov. 27 to Dec. 5. Dancing comes natural for Filipinos and dancesports athletes hope to shake, twirl and gyrate their way to the gold—the first that will be staked right in the morning of the first day of competitions at the Waterfront Hotel in Cebu City.

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MARTIAL arts may be the territory of the Chinese, Japanese and Koreans. But when it comes to *arnis*, the Filipinos hope to strike gold. The event is based on a Philippine martial art and it's but natural for the country to shoot for a sweep of the six gold medals at stake in the event. But our *arnis* masters have to be on guard—Vietnam is said to be making a very serious run at the sport's overall championship. *Marc Anthony Reyes*

Asuncions bow to No. 3 Chinese duo

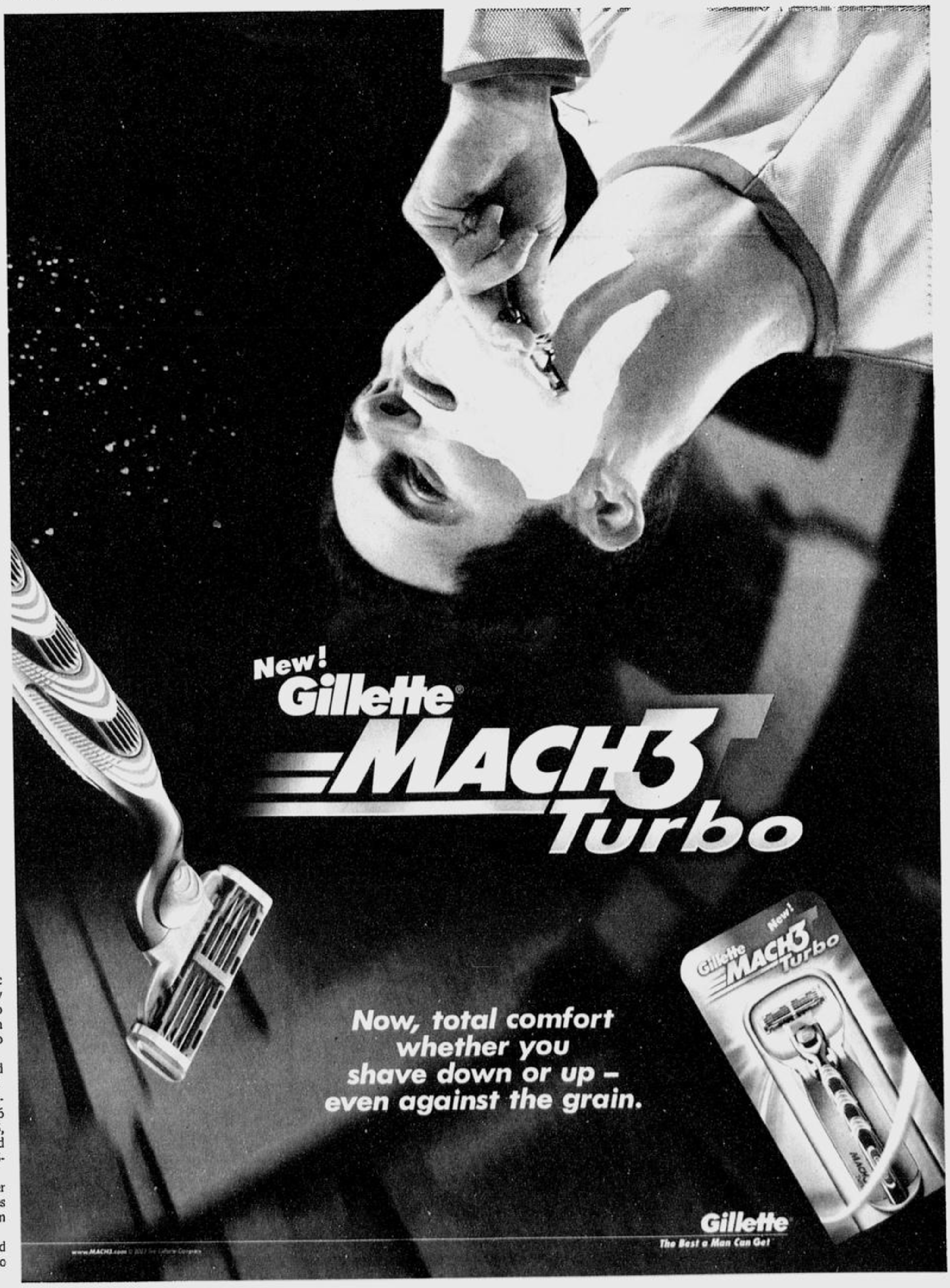
ANAHEIM, California—The Philippines' Kennievic and Kennie Asuncion were among those buried by the Chinese express Thursday and lost their bid to reach the quarterfinals of the World Badminton Championships following a 15-7, 1-5 defeat to third seeds Chen Qiqiu and Zhao Tingting.

The Asuncion siblings had reached the third round with a pair of victories in the early rounds.

The No. 28-ranked mixed doubles pair hammered out an upset over Canada's world No. 16 Philippe Bourret and Helen Nichol, 15-3, 9-15, 15-9, before defeating Jurgen Wouters and Paulien Van Dooremalen of the Netherlands, 15-13, 15-9, in the next round.

China's Lin Dan, the top men's singles player who ousted Kennievic Asuncion in the singles competition, recovered from a set loss to down Japan's Shoji Sato, 15-8, 9-15, 15-5.

Zhang Ning, the Olympic gold medalist and world champion in women's singles, rallied to beat Hong Kong's Yip Pui Yin 4-11, 11-3, 11-4.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Red Bull starting to look like Blue Eagles reunion

By June Navarro

RED Bull Barako is starting to shape up as a reunion of the 2002 UAAP champions Ateneo Blue Eagles in the Philippine Basketball Association.

First, the Barako picked Ateneans Larry Fonacier and Paolo Bugia in the second round of the rookie draft.

Now, trade talks involving Wesley Gonzales of Air21 and even the transfer of free-agent Jec Chia have begun to float.

Gonzales has been seen scrimmaging with the Barako and Air21 president Lito Alvarez said he would gladly create a trade deal for Gonzales to Red Bull. Alvarez stressed, however, the Express would be happy to get a big man in return.

Former Ateneo main man Rico Villanueva, the most marketable frontliner in the Red Bull lineup, is untouchable, team manager Tony Chua said.

Gonzales still has a live two-year contract with the Express but Air21 allowed the former Ateneo wingman to try his luck with the Barako.

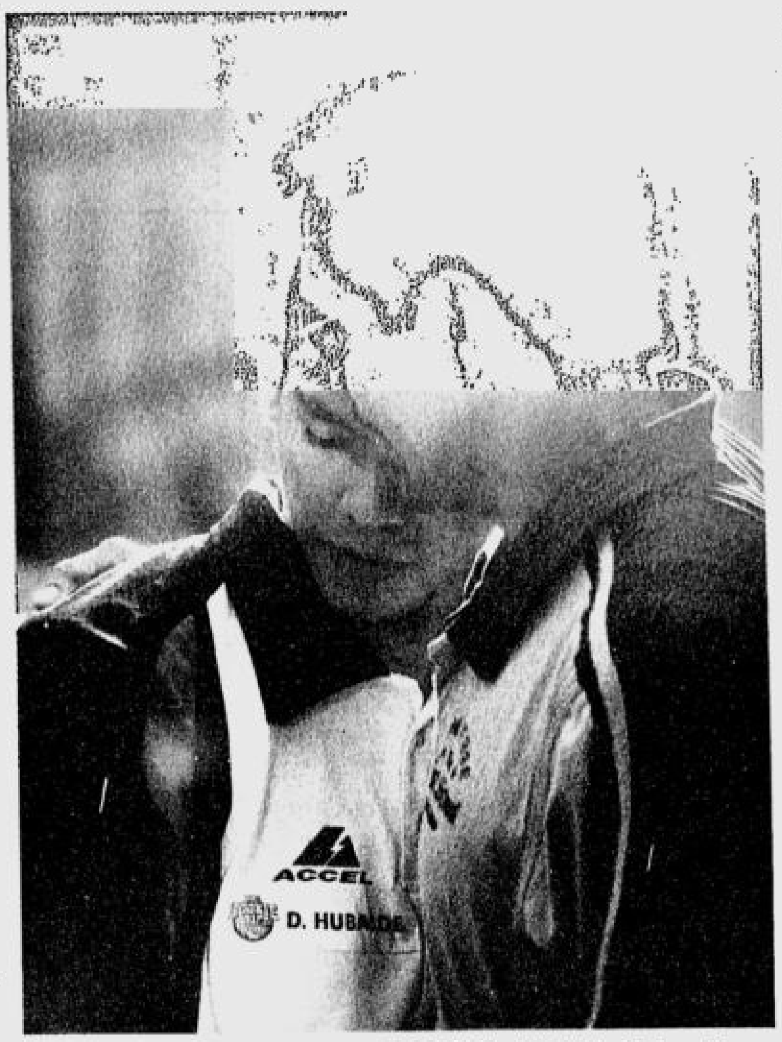
Bringing Rich Alvarez over to Red Bull will complete the cast should Gonzales and Chia make it in the Barako roster but Arben Santos, Alvarez's manager, said Alaska is not inclined to give up the 2005 PBA Rookie of the Year.

Nevertheless, the key players of that 2002 Ateneo championship squad which won the UAAP crown over fierce rival La Salle could reunite under the red and yellow banner.

"Larry is a clutch shooter and a tall player who could play point while Paolo is mobile for his 6-foot-6 frame and shoots well from the outside," said Villanueva.

Should trade talks involving Gonzales and the acquisition of Chia push through, Red Bull would inherit the core of that 2002 UAAP champion team sans LA Tenorio and Alvarez.

Villanueva, last season's Most Improved Player, and fellow all-defensive team member Alvarez are products of the Ateneo athletic program.



LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON: Former PBA MVP Freddie Hubalde hugs his son Dean Paolo after San Miguel Beer picked the former UE Warrior as No. 8 overall draftee during the recent PBA Rookie Draft. ERNIE U. SARMIENTO

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alive with a 70-58 victory over the Jose Rizal U Bombers.

Center Jay Sagad, who fueled the Blazers' decisive third-quarter run, notched 20 points and 11 rebounds.

"Whatever happens, we're not pressuring the players," said coach Caloy Garcia after his Blazers snapped their eight-game losing skid. "Not many people expected us to win anyway, so if we finish fifth that would be fine."

The Altas and the Blazers, who share 4-8 records, must sweep their last two games. But, at the same time, they must hope that the fourth-running San Sebastian Stags drop all their matches to forge a playoff for the last Final Four spot.

The Letran Knights, the Philippine Christian U Dolphins and the Mapua Cardinals have already claimed the top three semifinal slots.

The Altas held a 55-45 edge behind the efforts of Refuerzo, before the Lions rallied behind rookie Eduardo Tecson, whose nine straight points cut the deficit to four, 61-57, with 1:04 remaining.

The Lions struggled in the final minute even though the Altas shot only five of their last 10 free throws.

Altas chief gunners Misa, Fritz Bauzon, Dean Apor and Josef Racho fouled out in succession in the last five minutes of play.

The Lions scored only one field goal and shot a measly 6-of-12 from the free throw line in the third quarter, allowing the Altas to lead by as many as 14 points, 45-31.

Sagad and senior point guard Paolo Orbeta gave the Blazers their first double-digit lead, 50-40, after a 33-33 deadlock.

In junior play, Leonard Azotea paced the Light Bombers with 17 points for a 68-58 triumph over the Greenies.

The scores:

First Game (Srs)

BENILDE 70—Sagad 20, Orbeta 14, Urra 10, Manding 10, Trillo 4, Cabatu 4, Morial 4, Good 2, Layug 2, Porras 0, Robles 0.

JRU 58—Tala 14, Dedicatoria 12, Jorge 9, Magtahao 8, Natividad 6, Japson 3, Nicolas 3, Sena 2, Fenequito 1, Domancas 0.

Quarters: 18-18, 33-31, 54-43, 70-58

Second Game (Srs)

PERPETUAL 66—Refuerzo 16, Misa 16, Joe 12, Bauzon 8, Manalang 5, Apor 5, Salanga 2, Balboa 2, Manuel 0, Racho 0, Mendoza 0, Reyes 0.

SAN BEDA 60—Aljamal 13, Tecson 13, Gamalinda 10, Paterno 8, Angeles 6, Tirona 4, Menor 3, Cruz 3, Taganas 0, Antonio 0, Soriano 0, Baldivia 0, Arbole 0.

Quarters: 8-16, 25-27, 45-35, 66-60

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AMA downs CEU quint in overtime

By Marc Anthony Reyes

ARCHIE Dublin and George Spaulding combined for five straight points in overtime as Ama Computer turned back Centro Escolar University, 80-72, yesterday in men's basketball of the National Athletic Association of Schools, Colleges and Universities at the UM Gym.

Dublin hit a three-pointer, while Spaulding came through with a twinner to finally stop CEU's repeated comeback and post Ama's sixth win in 11 games behind University of Manila, St.Clare and STI.

The Titans actually scrambled to force the extra period when Spaulding made a put back before going off with a steal and an outlet pass to Edward Penaflorida, who drew a foul. Penaflorida split his charities for 66-all.

With just 25 seconds to go, Scorpions had the chance to nail the victory but Vincent Franco bungled a jumper causing a mad scramble as the final buzzer sounded.

The Scorpions, last year's runners up, slumped to 2-7.

In juniors action, University of Manila routed University of Makati, 100-67, for its eighth win in nine games. The UMAK Baby Wizards fell to 2-6.

Paula Lontok starred with 17 points and nine rebounds to power the Amacu Lady Titans to a 58-46 win over the CEU Lady Scorpions.

Hornbills stun Valencia in NBC

VALENCIA CITY—Unheralded forward Rey Dumapig played the hero's role as the lowly Zanorte Hornbills nosed out Mayor Jose Galario Jr.'s Valencia Golden Harvest, 76-75, in the 2005 Panasonic-NBC national basketball championship at the jampacked city gym here.

Dumapig sank his first charity shot off Nat Cruz's fifth foul with 1.5 seconds remaining and then followed up his missed second attempt to propel the Hornbills of Gov. Rolando Yebes and Mayors Roberto Uy and Dominador Jalosjos Jr. to only their second win in 12 outings.

"I'm out of words. Rey (Dumapig) bailed us out," said Zanorte coach Ruel Daba.

Has the PBA been rejecting an angel?

IN HUDDLE

Beth Celis

SOME people in the PBA Commissioner's Office must have gotten the wrong signal after businessman Lance Gokongwei, son of former PBA franchise holder Big John Gokongwei, started scrounging all over the Gokongwei conglomerate for trophies won by the Great Taste team many years back.

Thinking that the young Lance's interest in the PBA had been rekindled, commissioner Noli Eala immediately presented a proposal for the sale of the Shell franchise.

It was turned down.

It appears now that Lance was only collecting the trophies because his company needed them as props for a Great Taste Coffee television commercial.

Great Taste owns a great past in the PBA. The team won four straight titles sometime in the '80s, but could not claim a grand slam because two of the championships were earned in one season, with the two others coming the next year.

Incidentally, Shell hosted a farewell dinner for the press a few days back at the Pantalan Restaurant in Luneta.

Former Shell governor Bobby Kanapi said that, for the first time in four years, he had to watch the rookie draft proceedings on television.

"My wife and I felt a little sad that we are no longer a part of the PBA—we are now outsiders looking in. The only consolation is that the pressure of winning a game has been eased. One could die of a heart attack because of these games, you know," Bobby said.

Another big farewell bash-cum-reunion of all Shell coaches, players, team officials and utility staff and media is scheduled next month, according to Bobby K.

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I've heard a lot of good things about PBL cager Alex Compton, but this one beats them all.

"Since I was born and up to this day, I've never seen or met anyone like Alex," said former Montaña Jewels team manager Clarence Aytona, who used to be in the same PBL team with the cager.

"Alex is the kindest, most charitable person I've encountered in my whole lifetime. *Sobrang bait.*"

According to Clarence, Alex donates a significant portion of his monthly salary to charity. "Despite the fact that it's not that big. *Tanggal na yang* donation na *iyan* automatically every payday. *Madaling mahingan at mautangan ng pera si* Alex, *kaya madalas* broke. *Hindi na nga makabili ng bagong kotse.* He still drives his old-model Nissan Terrano."

Clarence said Alex can't pass a beggar without giving alms, will always go out of his way to help anybody who needs it, "*kahit yung nadapa lang sa kalye.* I wish they would allow him to play in the PBA so he'd have a bigger salary to distribute to the less fortunate."

Could it be that Alex is an angel come down to Earth with the mission to save our souls?

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Davaoeños are upbeat and very proud of their city's basketball program, which involves a total of 73 teams seeing action from July to December every year.

"Collectively, the school-based tournament is called the Gaisano Cup, and we have competitions in practically all levels: elementary, high school, college and women's. We play four games a day, four days a week," said Region 11 BAP director Boy Cua.

Because there are still so many other teams knocking on their doors, Boy said they have to hold a pre-season tournament to accommodate all those in the wait list.

"We hold this tournament to prepare the teams that are turned down for the tournament proper the following year," Boy said.

I couldn't believe it when he said that their budget was only P700,000.

PBA cagers Sunday Salvacion, Felix Belano and Jun Simon are among the products of the Davao-based Gaisano Cup.

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HOOPVINE: Our condolences to Sta. Lucia governor Buddy Encarnado whose eldest brother Mario died the other day at age 74. His remains lie in state at the Arlington Chapels in Pasig… Cebu City councilor Yayoy Alcoseba has sent a personal check to Romy Cabading, a contemporary in the Visayas. Yayoy, who is also coach of the ML Kwarta Padala team, which is envisioned to be the base of the national team for the SEAG, is doing the rounds of Mindanao for tune-up games, "just in case the ban on RP is lifted by the Fiba."

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RP's Sy tops Sentul AF3 practice

SY: Untroubled drive

ANANDA Mikola appears to have lost his aura of invincibility. His fellow Asian Formula Three drivers, including Filipinos Tyson Sy and Dado Peña, now believe he can be beaten even at his turf—the Sentul International Circuit in Indonesia.

The Indon, who ruled the two rounds of the AF3 series in the same circuit last year and is the current series overall leader, suddenly appeared vulnerable after landing just fourth in the first practice race and failing to come out of the pit for the second practice run due to engine trouble Friday.

Sy of Speedtech Asia emerged fastest in the second of three practice runs Friday with a time of one minute, 23.870 seconds, boosting his confidence to do battle against Mikola, who's pacing the standing with 95 points driving for Fastrong Racing with Three Bond.

Peña, of Team Goddard Minardi Team Asia, was second fastest in the second practice run with a time of 1:24.667, prompting Briton Mark Goddard, who runs the team, to say: "I'm pretty sure it's not going to be a walkover for Ananda. But then I might have to eat my words."

Macanese Rodolfo Avila topped the first practice race as the field warmed up for rounds seven and eight of the 2005 AF3 series. The qualifying event will be held Saturday and the actual races on Sunday.

AF3 Corp. chair Ed Peña shared Goddard's optimism, saying: "Ananda will have a tougher time this time around."

Still, the race would all boil down to the set-up of the cars and the tires.

The 3.9-kilometer Sentul International Circuit, built in 1997 for Formula One Racing until the Asian financial crisis kicked in, is so abrasive the tires heat up easily, ruining the chances of unsuspecting drivers.

"It's so weird. The track here is very different than in, say, Zhuhai," said Avila, 18, who clocked the fastest time of 1:24.352 in the first practice race aboard the newest car of Christian Jones Motorsport.

Roy Luarca

Akiko backs SEAG

FORMER Olympian and swimming sensation Akiko Thomson has been tapped by the Philippine Southeast Asian Games Organizing Committee in the preparations for the 23rd Southeast Asian Games.

Thomson will assist the group of National Youth Commission executive director and chief operating officer Dino Badilla in enlisting student volunteers who will work for the duration of the Nov. 27 to Dec. 5 meet.

Thomson, a gold medal winner the last time the SEA Games was held in Manila 14 years ago, herself worked as a volunteer during the Athens Olympics last year.

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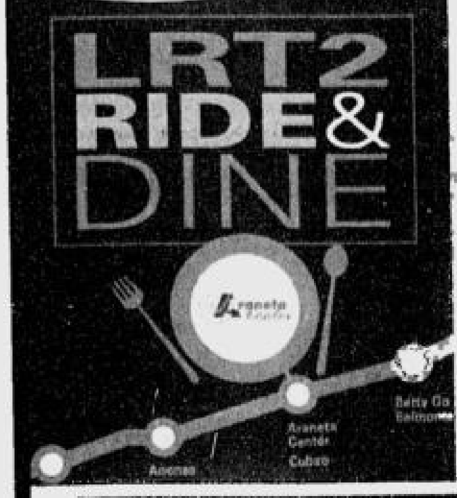

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Burnt hand no problem for golfer with a big heart

AKRON, Ohio—Marc Cayeux wanted to play all 18 holes Thursday at the NEC Invitational, although he fully expected to quit midway through the round whenever his injured left hand began bleeding.

It turned into a dream day at Firestone.

The 27-year-old golfer from Zimbabwe overcame nerves at the start, an embarrassing moment on his 16th hole and a painful wound on the spot he grips the club to post a 1-over 71.

Cayeux not only played with Tiger Woods, he had the world's No. 1-ranked player as a caddie.

He finished his round by nearly chipping in from behind the ninth green. Woods walked over and tended the flag as Cayeux tapped in.

"If you had said I would be 3 or 4 over par, I would have taken it," Cayeux said.

Woods sounded more impressed with Cayeux's round than his own 66.

"Incredible. Absolutely incredible," Woods said. "The fact that he went out there and played, and grinded it out like he did was absolutely fantastic."

Cayeux, who qualified by winning on the South African tour, burned his hand last week lighting a barbecue grill and played with an open wound the size of a coin.

He wore a glove with extra padding at t base of the fingers, and his bandage was chan; after he had played four holes.

Cayeux watched the world's No. 1 player dı his opening tee shot 305 yards down the mid of the 10th fairway. He could barely contai grin, then turned to his caddie and whispered.

"That was an eye-opener," he said.

Cayeux saved himself with par-saving putts eight of nine holes, and a sand wedge into 6 for birdie on his 10th hole. He also had a jan moment on the par-3 seventh.

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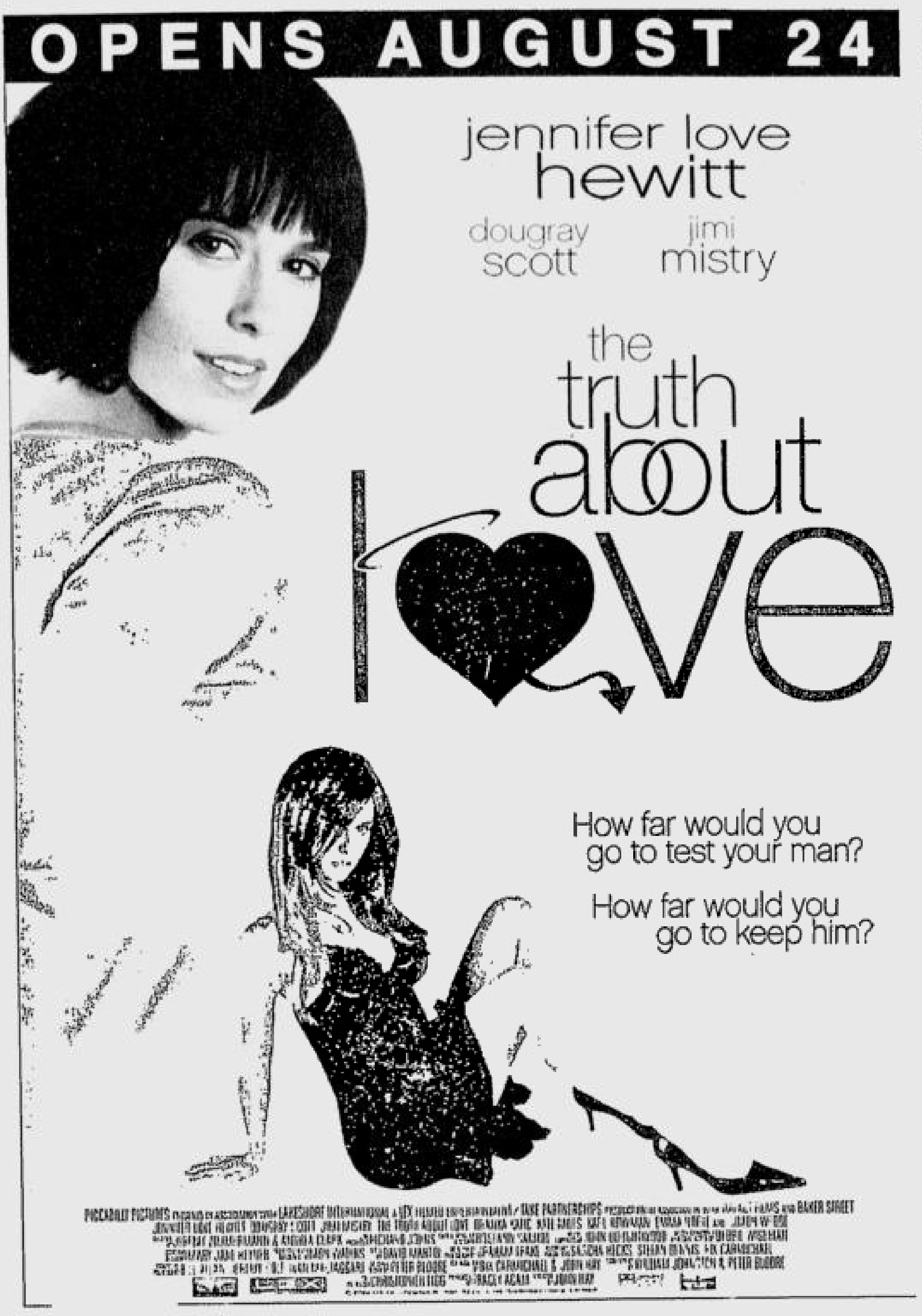
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Woods twice escaped trouble from the trees but neve came close to making boge on a Firestone course that offered no letup for those coming off the US PGA Championship. He sank a 15-foo birdie on his final hole for a 4-under 66, and was tied by Singh and Sweden's Henrik Stenson.

Singh had a chance to take the outright lead until missing a 6-foot birdie putt on his 17th hole. He had to scramble fron to save par on the 484-yard nir a share of the lead.

Davis Love III carried his from Baltusrol into the first was among those at 67, while pion Phil Mickelson shot a 69.

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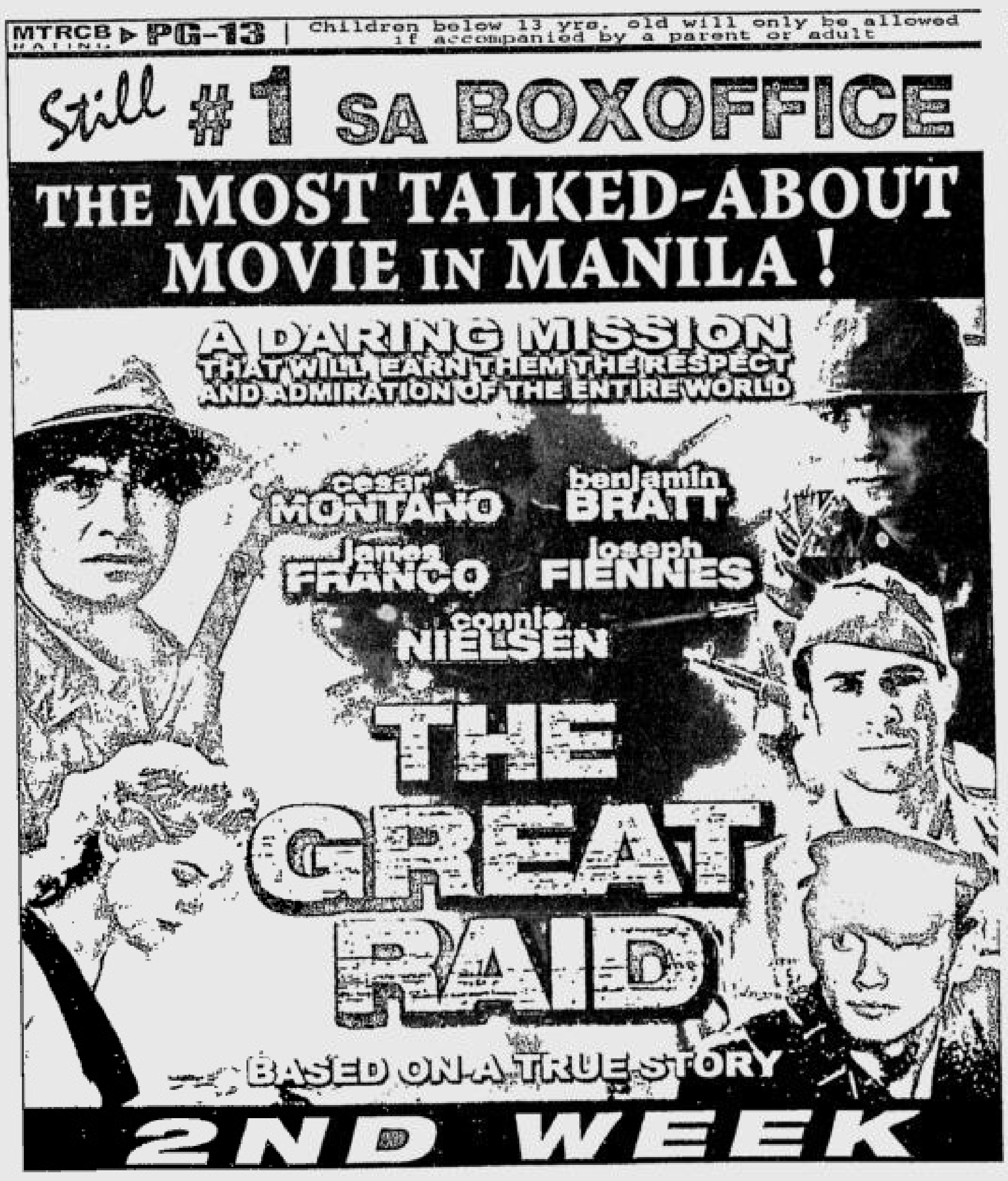
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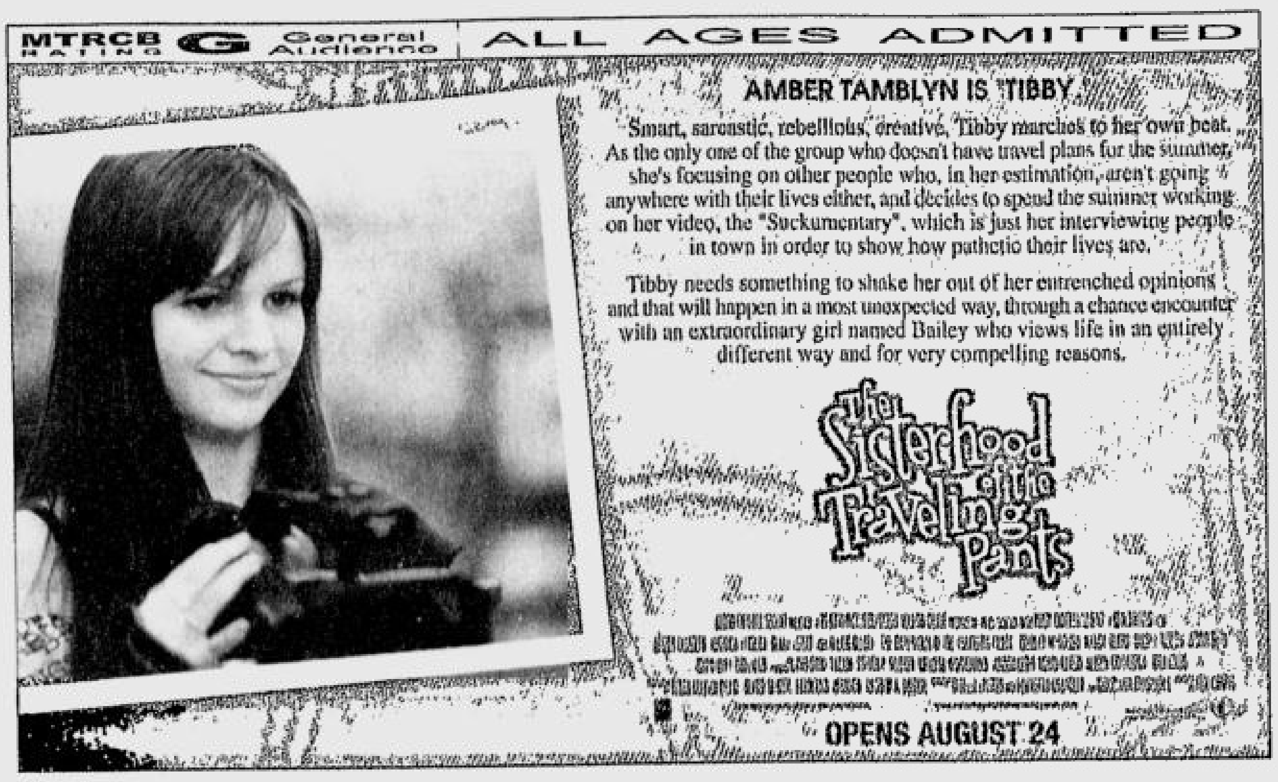
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When he went to mark his ball on the green, he noticed the words "PRACTICE" written on the side.

A ball from the driving range somehow wound up in his bag. Cayeux summoned Woods, Niclas Fasth and a rules official. Because it was the same ball he had been playing, there was no penalty.

He pulled out a regular ball on the next tee, marked it with two yellow dots, then turned to Woods with a smile and said, "This one is not a practice ball," as both players broke down in laughter. Cayeux's score left him in a tie for 23rd in the 72-man field. *AP*

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Stenson, playing in his first World Golf Championship event, looked as though he might steal the spotlight when he got to 6-under par with a 60-foot birdie on the par-3 fifth hole. But he missed the next two greens to fall into a share of the lead.

Struggling with shots into the green, Singh saved par seven times from off the green and picked up ground on the opening holes, after he made the turn, with three straight birdies.

Stenson, a two-time winner on the European tour, had never been to Firestone and was asked how he got acclimated so quickly.

"I went to Baltusrol," he said. "The rough was a little bit more severe last week, but it was the same way."

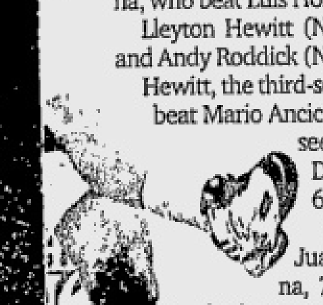
Masters runner-up Chris DiMarco used his old irons and wound up at 67 with Nick Dougherty of England. Sergio Garcia, Stuart Appleby and Nick O'Hern were at 68. *AP*

Men's top
uns advance; upset rocks women's tilt

MASON, Ohio—Four of the top five players of the world advanced to the Cincinnati Masters quarterfinals Thursday, led by No. 1 Roger Federer, who creamed Olivier Rochus, 6-3, 6-4.

Federer will next face Jose Acasuso of Argentina, who beat Luis Horna of Peru, 7-6 (5), 7-5.

Lleyton Hewitt (No. 3), Marat Safin (No. 4) and Andy Roddick (No. 5) also advanced.



Hewitt, the third-seeded player from Australia, beat Mario Ancic of Croatia, 6-1, 6-4. Fourth-seeded Safin of Russia beat Dominik Hrbaty of Slovakia, 6-0, 6-3.

No. 5 Roddick downed Juan Ignacio Chela of Argentina, 7-6 (4), 6-2, again unleashing his big serve to win a tiebreaker.

In Toronto, Argentina's Gisela Dulko capitalized on an ailing Svetlana Kuznetsova and upset the third-seeded Russian, 7-6 (3), 7-6 (8) in the third round of the Rogers Cup.

No. 2 seed Amelie Mauresmo cruised by Conchita Martinez, 6-0, 6-2, to advance to the quarterfinals. Fourth-seeded Justine Henin-Hardenne eliminated China's Jie Zheng, 6-2, 6-4. *AP*

nar holds hoops clinic

AN coach Boysie Zamar will conduct a three-day basketball or kids and coaches on Aug. 28-30 at the Central Philippines sity gym and Iloilo Sports Complex in Iloilo City. Boys 6 to 16 ld are eligible to attend the classes from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. on 8 at the CPU gym. The coaches' clinic is set from 8 a.m. to 3 joint project of NBC and IBL (Iloilo Basketball League), the ill focus on the Asian way of playing basketball. NBC presi- d reigning national pistol champion Nathaniel "Tac" Padilla president Robert Uy believe the sessions will help improve formance of coaches as well as players and young cage as- Zamar handled the Philippine team in the Southeast Asian in 1997, 1999, 2001 and 2003.

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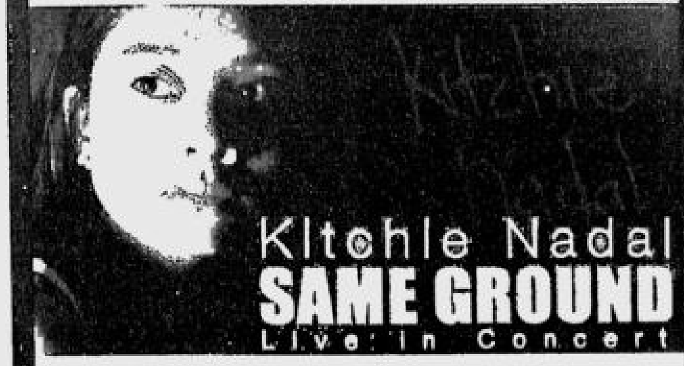

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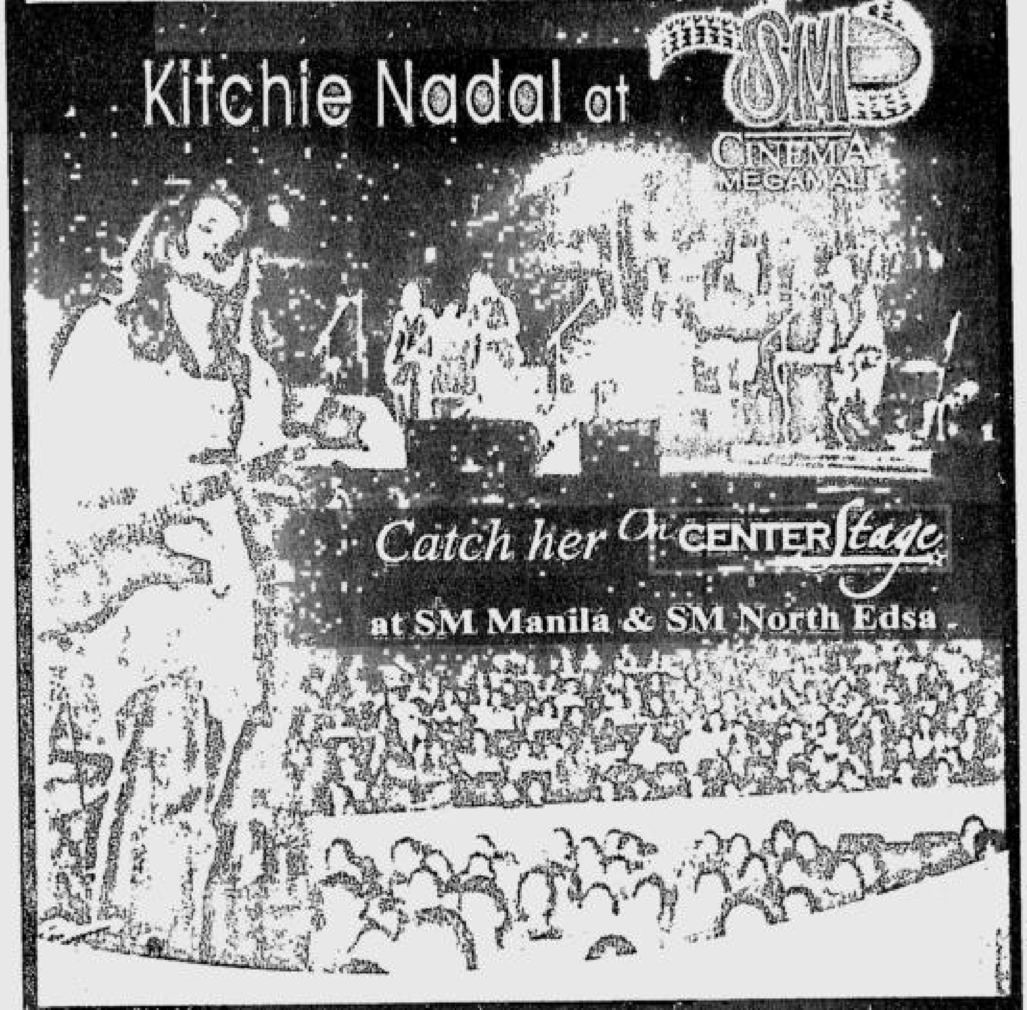
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Aguilar yields lead

SOLO, Indonesia—Team Philippines' bid in the 2005 FIM Asian Motocross Championship went awry when Glenn Aguilar, the country's top rider and erstwhile series leader in the 125cc division, suffered a knee injury and failed to finish the series' fifth round held here last Sunday.

The eight-time Philippine Rider of the Year suffered a nasty crash midway through the opening moto and dropped out. Limping and in pain, Aguilar chose to sit out the final moto and allowed New Zealand's James Robinson to grab the lead in the centerpiece category of the event.

Thailand's Arnon Theplib claimed his first win in four starts and climbed to third in the title chase.

Robinson unseated Aguilar with his four-race aggregate of 154 points. Aguilar remained in contention with 132 points.

Kenneth San Andres, Aguilar's wingman in the Asian meet, also tumbled and crashed after touching bikes with Orlando in the first moto. The freshman IT student from the Manila Central University, Caloocan, came out unscathed and finished the race but was visibly shaken and was hardly a factor in the finals.

Jovie Saulog, the Philippines' top rider in the early '90s and a six-time rider of the year, finished fifth overall through his fifth and sixth place finishes in the two motos.

Jean Erick Mitra, a 10-year-old find from Nueva Ecija and Sta. Ana, Manila, saved the day for the Philippines by shutting out the competition in two motos to emerge as the 65cc division champion. Mitra clinched his fourth straight international title with plenty to spare.

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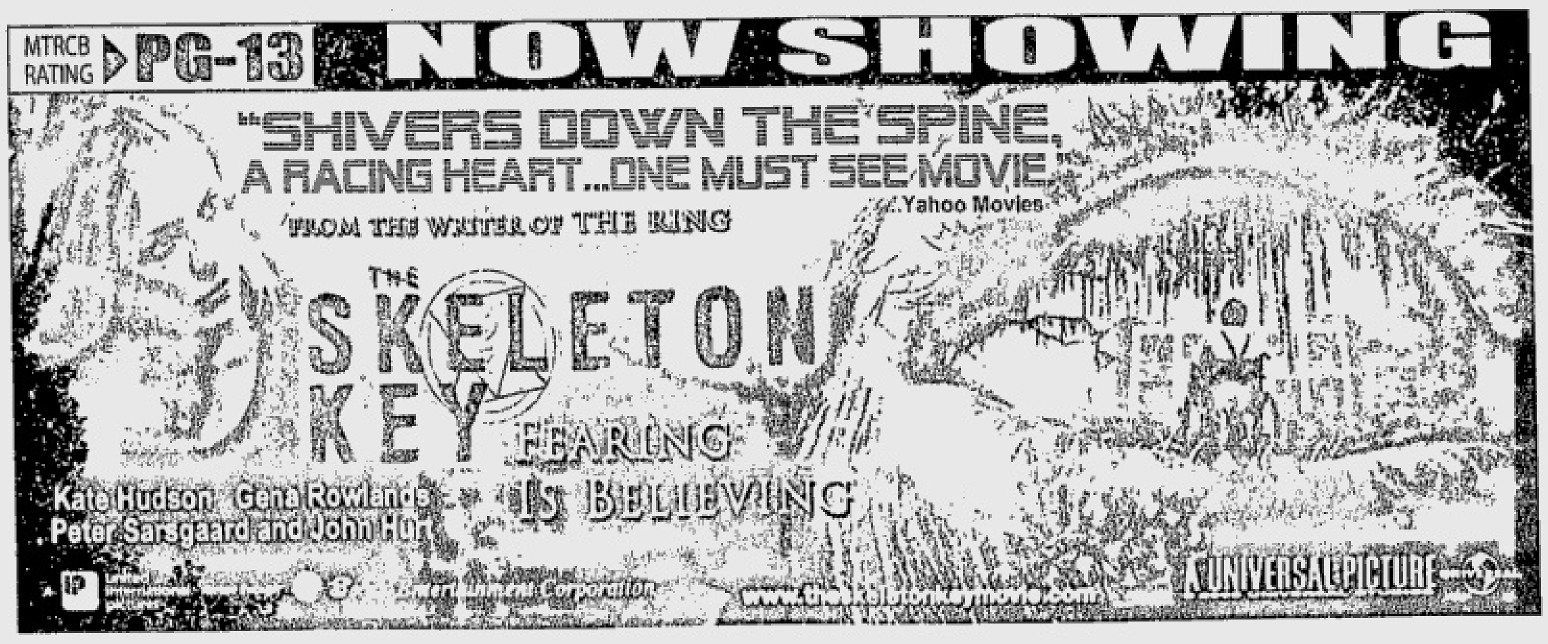
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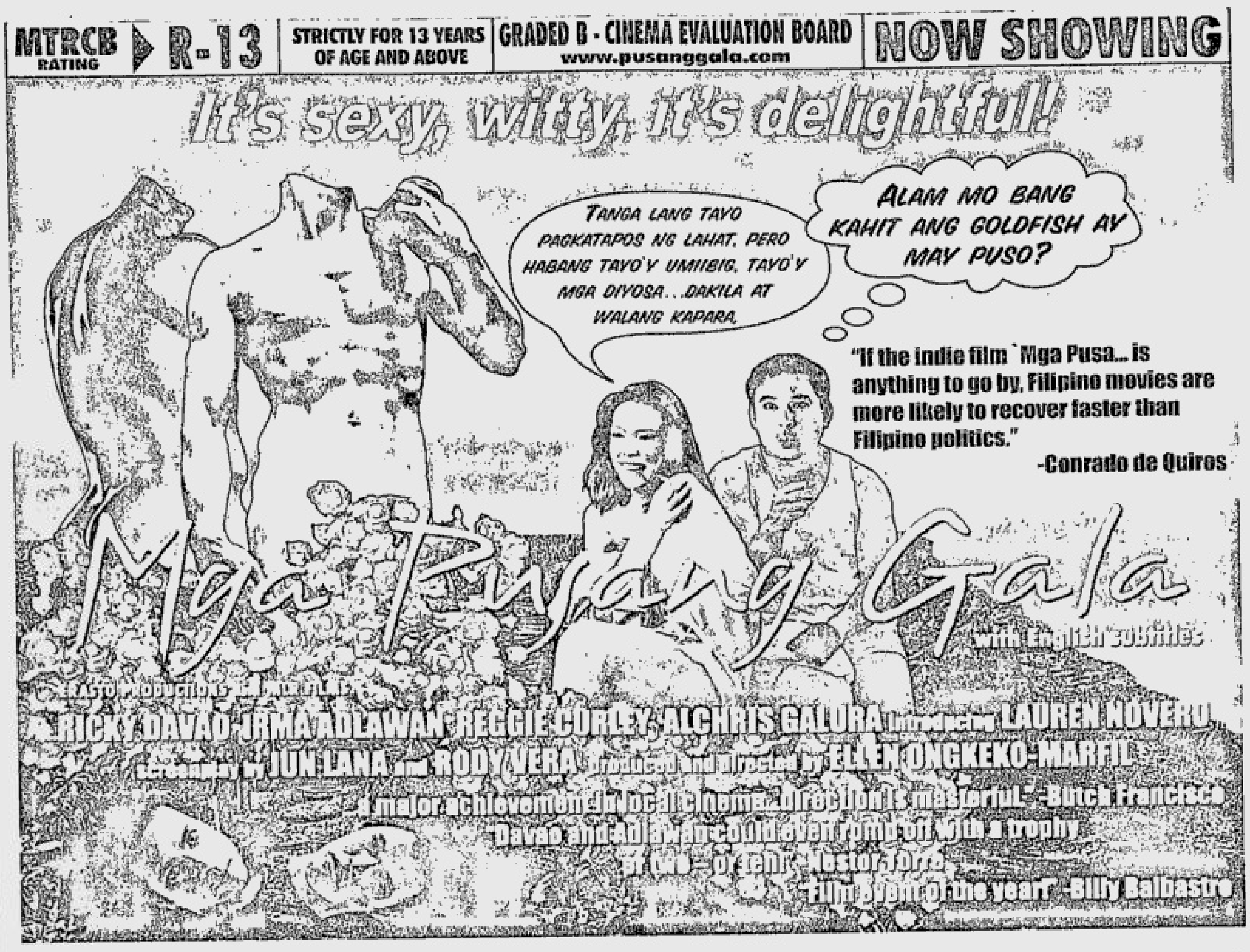
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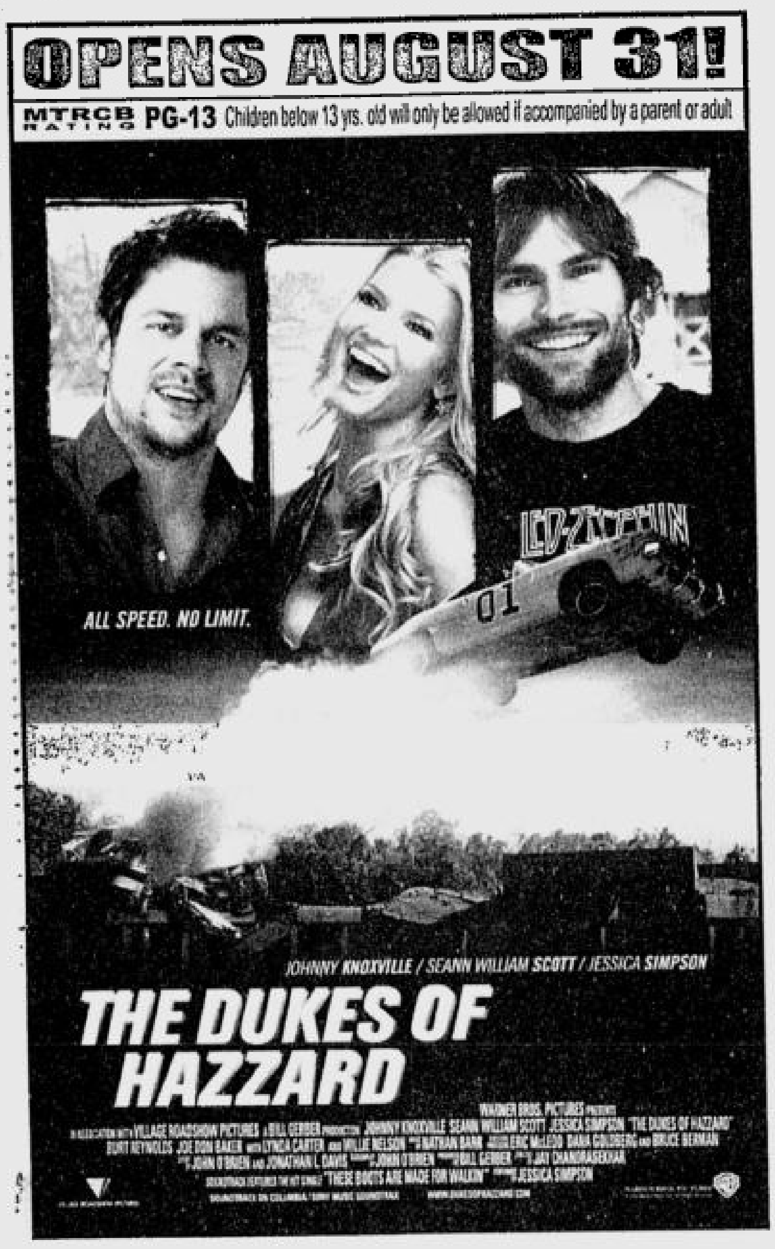
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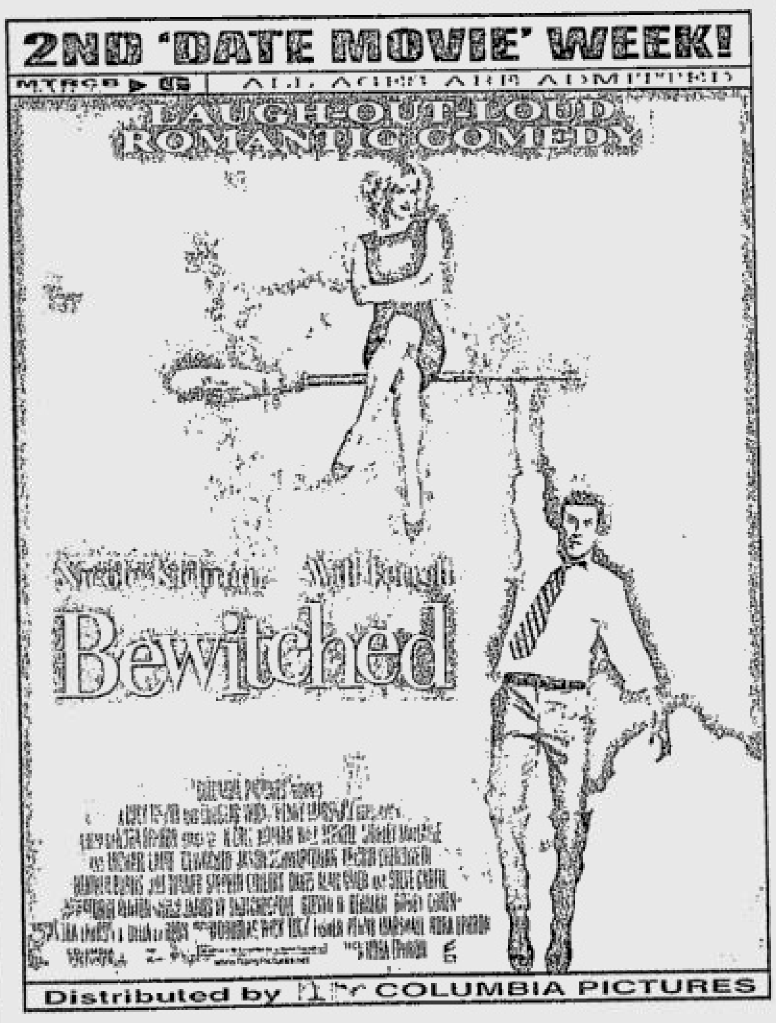
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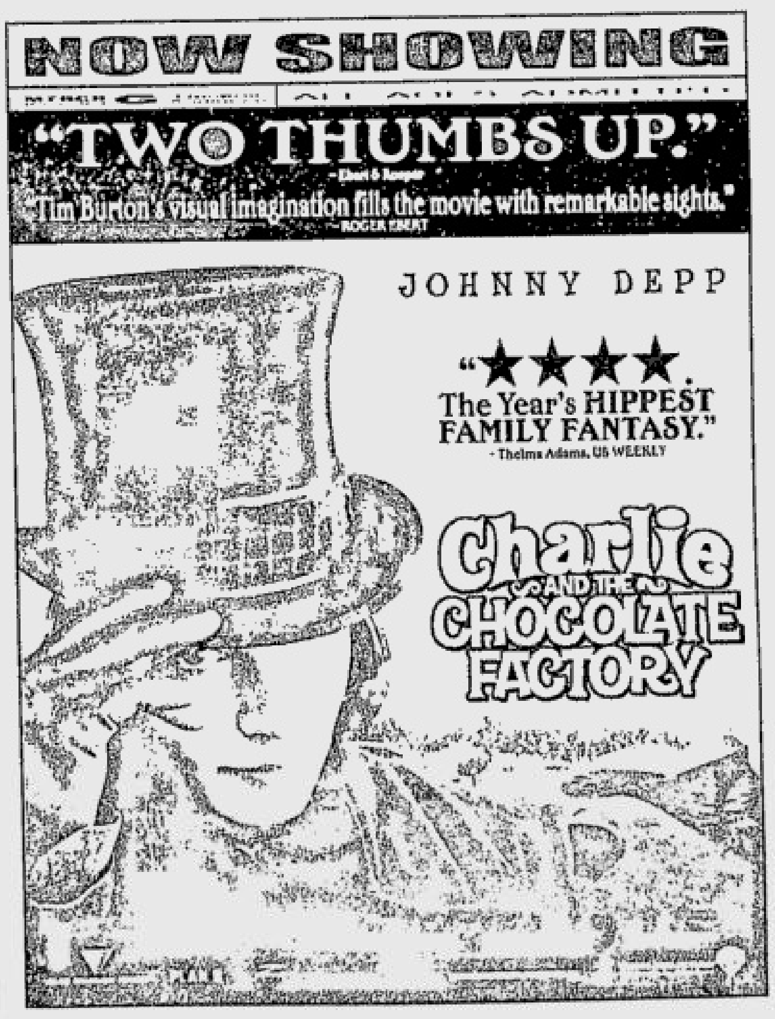
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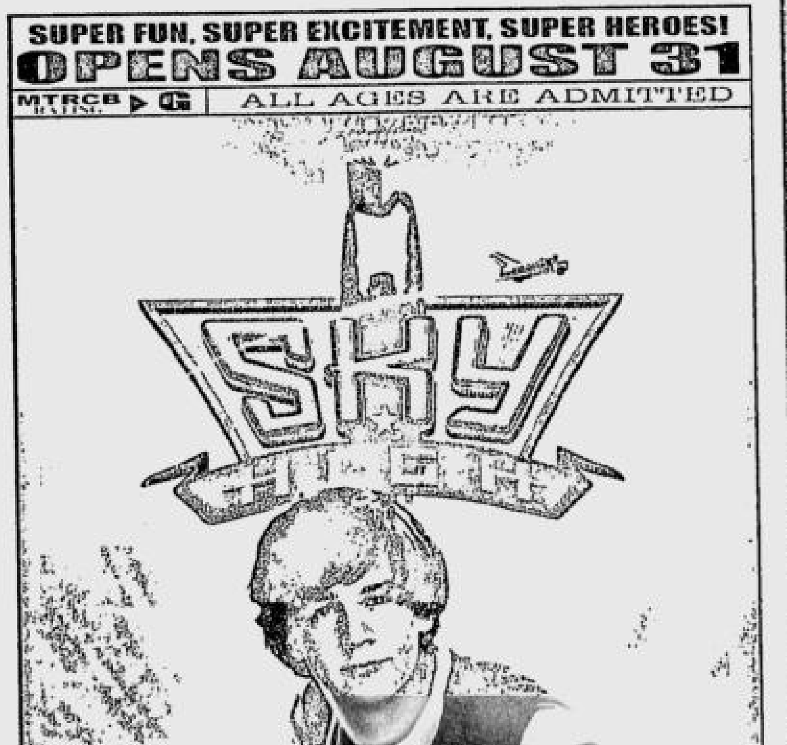
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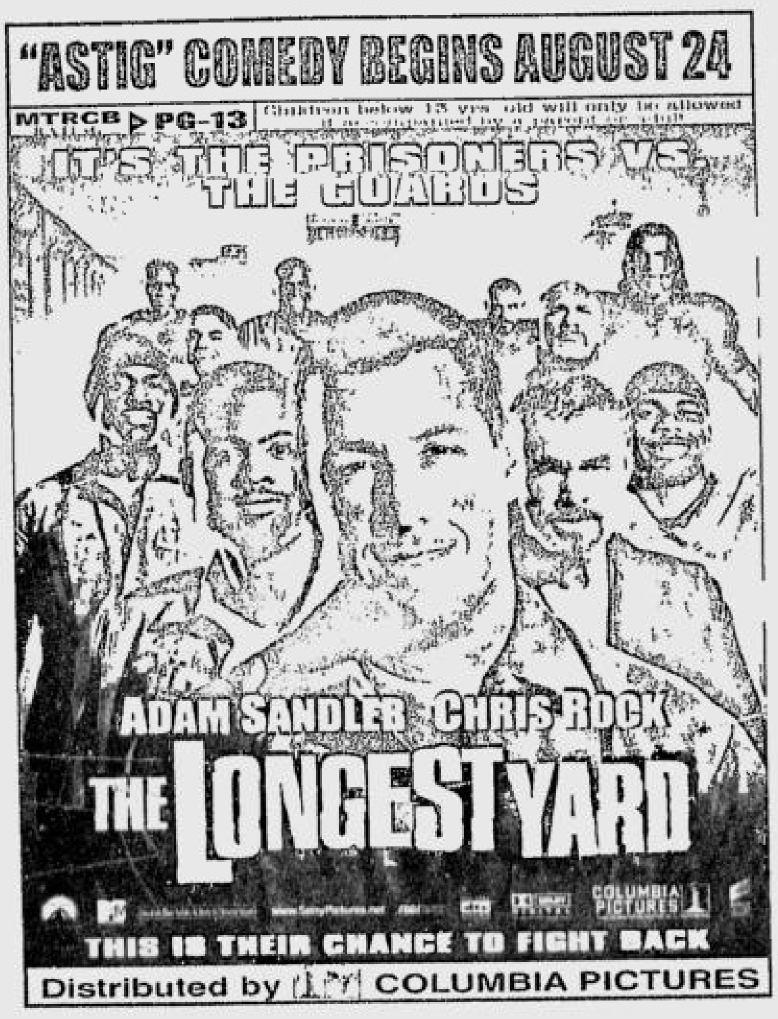
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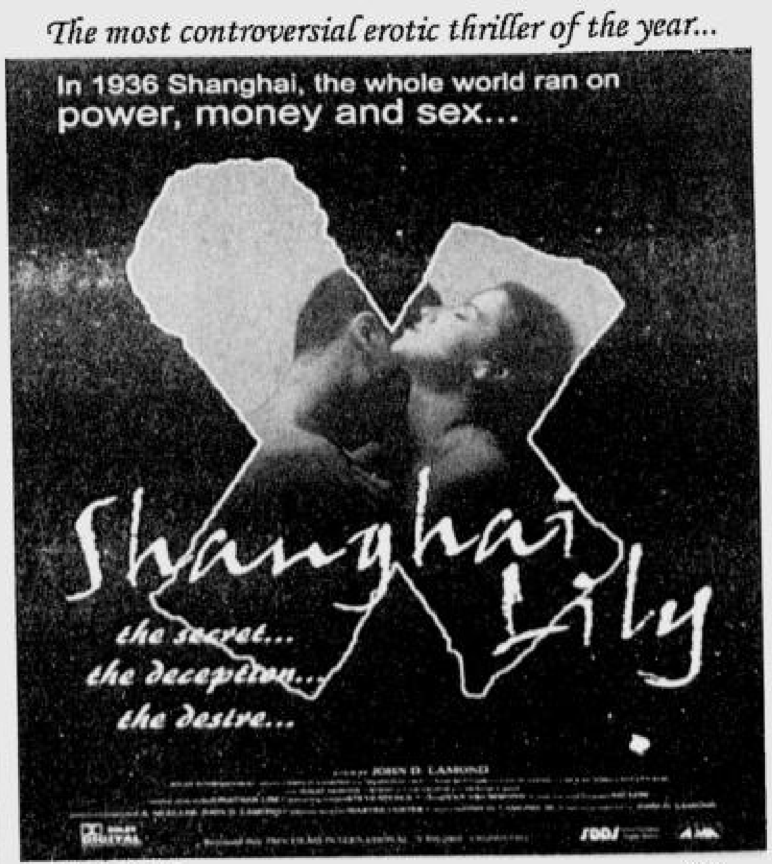
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SPORTS

Juvic settles for second in Singapore Amateur

JUVIC Pagunsan closed out with an even-par 71 Friday to settle for second place behind local bet Choo Tze Huang in the Singapore Open Amateur Championship at the Singapore Island Country Club.

Pagunsan, who earlier powered his partnership with last year's individual champion Michael Bibat to the team crown Thursday, broke out of a three-way tie for the lead with compatriot Artemio Murakami and Huang with a birdie on No.1 only to bogey the next two.

Pagunsan finished with a 71 for 283, two strokes off Huang who closed out with a 69.

Murakami, the second-round leader, bogeyed the first hole en route to a 73 and a third-best 285.

Bibat wound up with a 73 and tied for 17th place with 295.

China training for more RP athletes

By Marc Anthony Reyes

ATHLETES from six sports disciplines are set to go abroad to continue the country's large-scale overseas training for the 2005 Southeast Asian Games slated this November.

The Philippine Sports Commission, the conduit between the national sports associations and the financial backer First Gentleman Foundation, announced that athletes from shooting, fencing, canoe-kayak, football, volleyball and badminton are departing by the end of August.

It would be the second wave of athletes to go abroad since the first batch left in April on the P160 million in training funds generated by the FG Foundation from the different sports godfathers.

The shooters will compete in the World Cup in Korea, while the paddlers will train in Hungary which has produced world champions in canoeing-kayaking events.

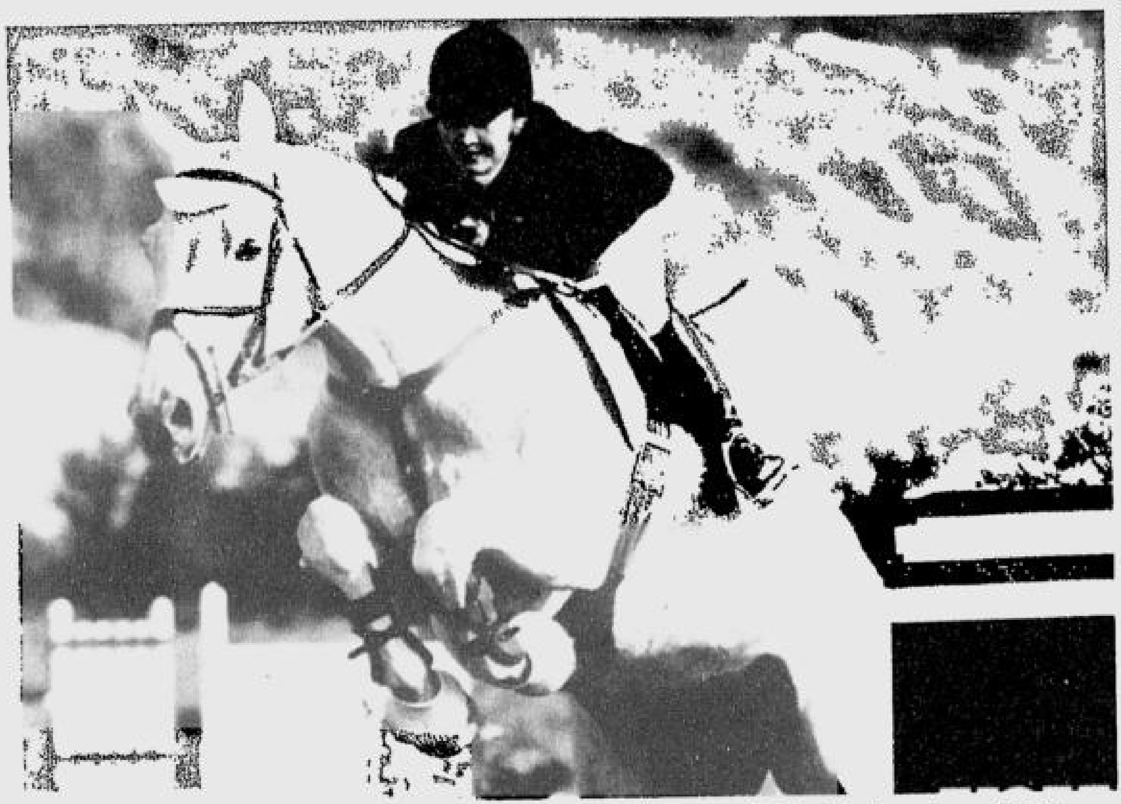
Flying to China are athletes in fencing who will train in Shanghai, while Filipino competitors in men's and women's football, volleyball and badminton will be in different parts of the country, according to the PSC.

Some 234 athletes have gone to China through the RP-China sports partnership forged by First Gentleman Mike Arroyo and PSC chair Butch Ramirez with China's sports ministry and its embassy in Manila.

Track and field, swimming, diving, gymnastics, weightlifting and wushu have already sent athletes to China where they train alongside world-class athletes from the mainland.

National training director Mike Keon said SEAG rivals like Vietnam have also been sending athletes to China just like the Philippines.

Leviste sweeps Malaysian tilts



THE PHILIPPINES' Toni Leviste makes handsome clearance aboard Globe Platinum Leap of Faith.

FILIPINA equestrienne Toni Leviste, riding for Team Globe Platinum in partnership with Sony Ericcson, swept the 2005 Malaysian Open Showjumping competition held over the weekend in the Malaysian city of Kuang, 30 kilometers from the capital Kuala Lumpur.

Leviste rode Globe Platinum Leap of Faith splendidly in besting a field of over 30 riders from 10 nations in the Asian Showjumping League, finishing with a faultless round and the fastest time in the jump-off for the Mayor's Cup on Aug. 13.

The daughter of former Batangas governor Antonio J. Leviste, Toni and Globe Platinum Leap of Faith came back the next day to claim top honors in the second leg of the World Cup Qualifiers Asian League.

Leviste received the championship trophy in front of Malaysia's royalty, ministers and sports officials, among other VIPs.

Filipino equestrian prodigy Joker Arroyo made it an exceptionally good day for the Philippine Team, as the 17-year-old namesake of her senator-father piloted her Australian-bred thoroughbred Without a Doubt with aplomb over the highly technical course.

Arroyo incurred just one knockdown, equivalent to four penalty faults, and impressed the crack international riders who struggled on the course.

The next leg of the World Cup Asian League will be held on Aug. 28, also in Malaysia, with the seventh and final leg scheduled in Manila from Nov. 18 to 20.

Members of the Philippine Team are competing in Malaysia until October as part of their preparation for the Southeast Asian Games on Nov. 27-Dec. 5.

The Filipinos are gunning for at least two gold medals in the biennial Games.

Eagles gun for No.6 vs Falcons

THEY capped the first round of the UAAP basketball tournament with four straight victories and the confidence of the Ateneo Eagles confidence is definitely up.

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4 p.m.—Adamson vs Ateneo (Srs)

Today, the Eagles try to keep their winning roll against the luckless Adamson Falcons right at the Ateneo Gym starting at 4 p.m.

"It's a good headstart for us in the second round," said Ateneo coach Norman Black. "But we still have a lot of work to do. I'm expecting the top teams to pick up their intensity even more in the second round so we have to match that to have a chance in the Final Four."

In contrast, the University of the Philippines Maroons went into a tailspin after a promising 3-0 start.

Just the same, the Maroons will try to regain their fighting form against the winless National University Bulldogs at 2 p.m.

Veteran forward Abby Santos, who averages 12.3 points and 8.3 rebounds, returns to action for the Diliman-based squad after a bout with measles.

With Santos out, the Maroons struggled and suffered an overtime loss (92-85) against University of Santo Tomas last Sunday.

Black, meanwhile, is finding a way for the Eagles not to be totally dependent on team leader LA Tenorio.

"A lot of players who didn't play very much last year are getting a lot of playing time now," said Black.

In their last game, Ateneo ripped Adamson, 91-75. *Jasmine W. Payo*

NAT'L WOMEN'S FOOTBALL

Minda vs Visayas in semis battles

THE BEST of Mindanao clash with the top Visayan squads in the semifinal round today of the 2005 PFF National Women's Championship at the Tionko field in Davao City.

Group A topnotcher Cebu will face Group B runner-up Cagayan de Oro/Misamis Oriental at 1 p.m. while Group B winner and host Davao will take on Group A runner-up Iloilo in the 3 p.m. encounter.

Defending champion Davao is slightly favored over Iloilo owing to its home field advantage and solid lineup. Half of last year's champion squad is back and they have been reinforced by the best seven of Davao's last year's under 19 team, runner-up in the category.

Malou Agura of Cagayan de Oro/Misamis Oriental currently tops the scorers' list with seven goals, followed by Rose Ton Bariñan of Davao with six goals.

Bariñan, a senior high school student at the Holy Child School of Davao and one of the seven youth players integrated into the seniors team, has thrilled the crowd here with her skills.

Last year's MVP Leonor "Wowie" Satorre, the Davao City team captain, ranks third with five goals.

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MayniLA batters out of Final 4

KALAMAZOO, Michigan—Team MayniLA, deprived of a place in the semifinals even before it wound up its elimination round campaign, completed the dethronement of defending champion Grand Rapids of Michigan with a 2-0 victory Tuesday in the consolation phase of the Big League (16-18) girls softball World Series here. The Golden Girls lost their suspended game against host Kalamazoo, 1-2, earlier in the day and missed a share of the Pool A lead with victims Charleston of West Virginia and Antelope Valley. A win would have given the Filipinas a 3-1 win-loss record, the same card submitted by Charleston and Antelope Valley. But they would have failed to make the semifinals, nevertheless, on an inferior tiebreak quotient.

SPORTSWATCH

Speed demons step on the gas at BRC

SOME 70 speed demons gun for top honors in the second Drag Racing Festival today at the Drag Strip of the Batangas Circuit in Rosario, Batangas. The drags racers move their battles anew in the country's first safe and permanent drag strip that measures 1,320 feet with a runoff braking distance of 1,000 feet and an elevation change of 20 feet at the end designed to slow down cars after posting their elapse time at the finish. Their ultimate challenge: break the record time of 12.837 seconds set by Walter Pazon of Blanche Racing in the inaugural race last month. Registration for the event sanctioned by the Automobile Association of the Philippines is from 6 a.m. to 9 a.m., with the first qualifying race proper starting at 10. "The BRC Drag STrip is much like the Las Vegas Speedway in Nevada, that's why it demands not just skills and car efficiency but also strategy and perfect timing," said race director Fil Gulfin.

MCC holds triple events tomorrow

BUSINESSMAN Ruben Medina and 11-year-old Jan Nigel Galan lead the early entries in the MCC triple events slated at 10:30 a.m. tomorrow at the club's headquarters on the 4th floor of J&F Divino Building, 967 Aurora Boulevard, near LRT 2 Anonas station, Quezon City. Events to be contested are the executives, kiddies and unrated active chess. Other early entries include Audrey Villanueva, Gerlyn Medina, Malcolm Kwok, Gabby Layugan, Lev Abug, Rommelie delos Santos, Allyn Haryanto, Carlo Caranyagan, Christian Nañola, Cherry Ann Mejia, Olar Claudio and Gio Meja. For inquiries, call 826-8560, 279-03-02, 0916-8521069 or 0922-5397392.

Champions join LPC cockfest tonight

PAST champions from Cavite, Laguna, Las Piñas and Parañaque are seeing action tonight when the Las Piñas Coliseum presents the fourth and final leg of Pamigay Premyo 3-Cock Derby. Aside from the cash prize at stake, two refrigerators will be given to the champions. Entry fee is P4,400. Meanwhile, the final screening of stags for the Annual Las Piñas 6-Stag Derby is set today and tomorrow at the LPC office, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. The stagfest, slated Aug. 25 and 27 and sponsored by Sagupaan Complexor, will be hosted by former mayor Nene Aguilar. For inquiries, call 873-1040 or 874-3910.

Ika-10 Taong Palaban stagfest slated

COCKFIGHTERS from Rizal province comprise the majority of participants in the Ika-10 Taong Palaban 6-Stag Derby scheduled on Sept. 17, 19, 21, 24 and 27 at Roligon Mega Cockpit. Derby host Edgar Coronel said that Rizal has the biggest number of gamefarms in the country, more than that of Negros Occidental which is regarded as the cockfighting capital. Coronel's annual promotion registered the biggest number of entries (375) last year. Guaranteed prize is P1.5 million for an entry fee of P8,800. For inquiries, call Roligon at 851-2275, 833-1638, 852-9812 or 0920-7199623.

Battle of Courts up at The Zone

THE ZONE seeks a repeat of its victorious run at its courtyard last year in the Central eliminations leg of the Battle of the Courts National Inter-club Badminton Cup Year 2 starting today.

Fielding the same lineup which topped the East leg and then the 2004 national finals, The Zone has been tagged the favorite anew in the event co-presented by Mizuno, Smart: Simply Amazing and INQUIRER Badminton.

Former model Gem Padilla, Lennie Dionisio, Lhit Pascual, Lyca Ballesteros, Bubu Santos, Alvin Ballesteros, JD de Jesus and Mitch Begonia are back for The Zone, which will take on Manila Polo Club, Badminton Extreme, Cool Shots and PowerSmash for the leg title.

The Central leg has the smallest fields in the national eliminations. Also slated are the South elims at the Alabang Racquet Club on Sept. 10-11, the West at Feather N Strings on Sept. 17-18 and the North at Club 650 Libis on Sept. 24-25.

Manila Polo Club is expected to be the biggest obstacle to The Zone's title-retention bid in the tournament also supported by Citibank On-Line and Unilever. Wilson is the official shuttlecock while the other supporters are Pinnacle Health Pointe & Pinnacle Spa, Hero, Viva and Powerade. Solar Sports, Wave 89.1 and Jam 88.3 are the official media partners.

The Visayas and the Mindanao eliminations will be held simultaneously on Sept. 3-4 at the Metro Sports Badminton Club and the Davao Holiday Spa, respectively.

The top two Central finishers will advance to the national finals.

Valle Verde and Myan's had earlier clinched the first two finals tickets after topping last week's East sector leg at the West Drive courts in Pasig.

Highlighting today's opening ceremony is the presentation of the perpetual trophy to The Zone, which will keep it until the next winner emerges.

Del Rosario, King pace WC qualifiers

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REIGNING national World Cup champions Liza del Rosario and Chester King lived up to expectations recently by leading the early qualifiers for this year's national finals in more than 20 bowling centers all over the country.

Del Rosario, who narrowly missed winning the World Cup crown last year, rolled 2273 pinfalls in 10 games while King carded 2387 in 12 games to top the first qualifying finals at SM West.

Other well-known bowlers who earned slots in the national finals set Oct. 6, 7, 9 and 11 at Paeng's Midtown Bowl, Starlanes and SM Megamall were former World Cup kingpins Paeng Nepomuceno and CJ Suarez, Biboy Rivera, Joonee Gatchalian, Tyrone Ongpauco, Irene Benitez, Jojo Canare and Ces Yap.

Nepomuceno tallied 2464 at Starlanes, Gatchalian shot 2535 at Superbowl, Ongpauco had 2316 at Paeng's Eastwood, Suarez submitted 2604 at Commonwealth and Rivera rolled 2712 at Powerbowl.

In ladies' action, Benitez posted 1952 at Paeng's Towncenter, Canare recorded 1904 at SM Megamall and Yap scored 2113 at Pearl Plaza.

Triple V, Media golfers revive rivalry Monday

MEDIA golfers try to come back from last year's defeat when they take on arch-rival Triple V in their 19th dual meet at the Aguinaldo Golf Club course on Monday.

The 19th edition of the Triple V-Media Golf Classic is now dubbed the 4th Tito Eduque Memorial Cup in honor of the late founder and chair of the Triple V Group of Restaurants.

Eduque, also a former national basketball coach, would have turned 78 on Friday. He died in November 2001.

A total of 50 players—25 from each team—have been invited to the annual 18-hole event pitting golfers from media against the members of the Kamayan-Triple V Golf Club.

The Kamayan golfers won last year's duel by nine strokes following a deadlock in the rain-shortened 2003 event at Aguinaldo, birthplace of the annual golf duel.

Ten players from each side will count in the team score and the team with lower total, using each club's respective handicaps, wins the dual meet.

Teeoff time is 6:30 a.m. with award ceremonies to be held across Edsa at the Kamayan-Saisaki.

Last year, Gino Pagmanua fired a net six-under-par 62 to power the Kamayan golfers. Media was led by the INQUIRER's Nilo Paurom (63).

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Kuh and Zsa Zsa sing each other's hits

By Nestor U. Torre

LEDESMA AND PADILLA. Great comic chemistry.

KUH Ledesma and Zsa Zsa Padilla are two of our best female singers, and they're very easy on the eyes, as well. That unique combination of superlative qualities makes their current weekend show at the Mandarin, "Diva 2 Diva," an attractive entertainment option.

Other plus factors include their stellar status, and their decades-long experience in classy live performance. These gals know what they're doing, you bet.

Aural glitches

When we caught their "Diva 2 Diva" show at the Mandarin's Captain's Bar last week, however, the early part of the show was marred by some aural glitches. Sure hope they've licked that problem because, when stellar singers are involved, only technical perfection will do.

The singers themselves were occasionally less than memorable because, they sometimes tended to coast along, and didn't give some of their songs their all. Was this the result of having done so much TV work of late? TV musical-variety shows tend to seem more like work after a while, and the inspiration palls.

Kuh and Zsa Zsa will simply have to remind themselves that live performance is more demanding than singing on TV, so their shows like "Diva 2 Diva" will come off as memorably as they should.

On the other hand, a most pleasant surprise that the show offered was the "comic chemistry" between the two divas. Kuh drily made fun of her personal romantic flubs and foibles, while Zsa Zsa delighted the audience with some unexpected "revelations" about her life with Dolphy. —Nothing very racy, mind you, but spicy enough to cause a breathless stir!

Portion

To us, the best part of the show was the portion in which the two divas interpreted each other's signature hits. This thrilled their respective groups of fans, and gave their old hits a fresh and bracing twist.

In our view, this portion should have been the show's finale. Instead, it was followed by other musical suites, which were tuneful enough, but felt anti-climactic after a while.

Despite the show's underwhelming moments, however, the Kuh-Zsa Zsa combination can't be beat. Call 750-8888.

Paul McCartney waxes 20th solo album

MCCARTNEY. Ends four-year hiatus.

"CHAOS and Creation in the Backyard," Paul McCartney's 20th studio recording since The Beatles, marks an end to a four-year hiatus since his last studio recording.

The 13-track album was recorded in London and Los Angeles over the course of two years. Its release coincides with the September 16 launch of McCartney's all-new 37-city US tour.

Back to basics

McCartney goes back to basics in the album, which successfully fuses his undeniable songwriting talent with his unparalleled musicianship. In fact, McCartney is credited with playing most of the instruments in the album, which is reminiscent of "McCartney" (1970), when he was credited with playing *all* of the instruments.

"Chaos and Creation in the Backyard" is a mix of up-tempo piano-driven McCartney classics such as "Fine Line" and "Promise To You, Girl," and introspective darker tracks like "At the Mercy," "Too Much Rain" and "Riding to Vanity Fair."

One of the highlights in the album is the single, "Jenny Wren," which McCartney describes as a "daughter of 'Blackbird.'"

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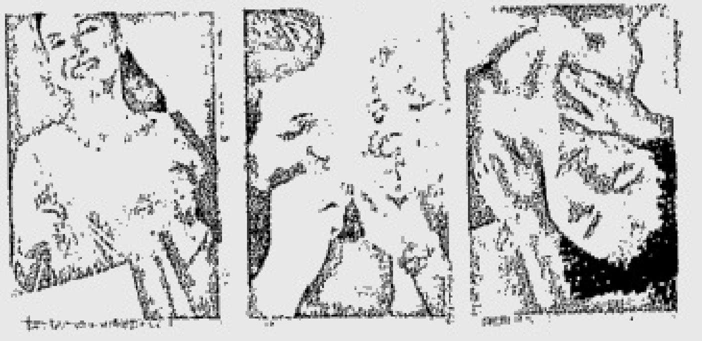

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Walking to win the battle of the bulge

By Noel Trinidad

A THIN person with a big stomach is not a pretty sight. It's not only asymmetrical—it's also illogical. Not that a fat person with the same problem looks any better. While you can attribute a hefty frame to genetic predisposition or slow metabolism, there's no such excuse for a thin person.

I became conscious of this "condition" one day when I saw a reflection of my side view in a full-length mirror. Let me say at the outset that I have always been thin. In fact, when I got married, I was only 95 pounds—two pounds lighter than my wife!

Slight bulge

Of course, I eventually got up to 130 pounds. But, in spite of that, my arms and legs remained thin. When I started developing a slight bulge in my stomach. I was always able to tuck it in when needed, which meant whenever I was in public.

Friends would compliment me on my slim waistline, not knowing that I was ready to collapse from lack of oxygen! Lately, however, I noticed that holding it in was no longer enough to hide the bulge, especially after a really good meal.

So, I finally decided to do something about it, which brings me to the subject I want to talk about: Walking as exercise.

A friend told me that the best way to lose the extra bulge was by walking at least 30 minutes a day. "After one week," he swore, "you'll see the difference!" Reasonable enough.

So, one bright morning, I woke up early to do battle with the bulge. First, I did some stretching exercises—a must for someone my age—and, with steely determination, I stepped out of our condo, armed only with my cell phone—just in case I collapsed from exhaustion and would need to call a doctor.

First day

I had determined beforehand that I wasn't going to push myself too hard on the first day. I limited myself to walking around the inner perimeter of our village once—which took 30 minutes and turned out to be relatively easy.

When I got home, I was pleasantly surprised that I wasn't breathing hard—*that's* when I decided that I could do more. The next day and thereafter, I increased the distance, and went around three times, which measured 4.3 kilometers. This took exactly one hour.

Modified march

Actually, "walk" does not describe what I did. I'd like to think of it as a modified march, complete with a one-two-one-two cadence. It was no leisurely walk in the park, and I took pride in that! That's why I felt especially puffed up when I overtook a slow walker. I tried to be casual about it, but I couldn't help but have more bounce to my steps as I passed him by.

Of course, just when I was picturing myself as this fitness animal, a young man jogged past me going triple my pace. Before I could even say "Good morning," he turned the corner and was out of my sight. Show-off!

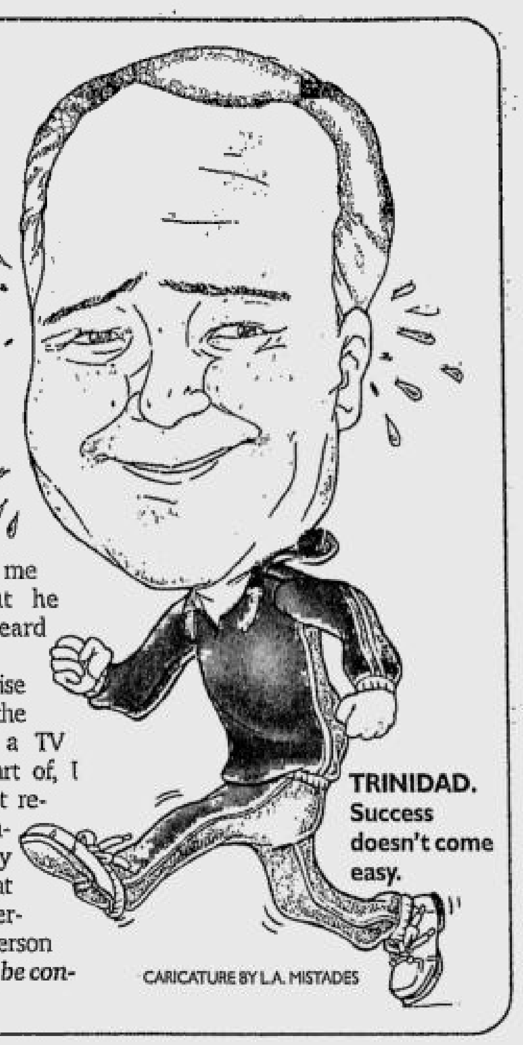
Walking can be a boring thing. That's why some people walk with a partner—others do it with an iPod glued to their ears. Not me. I prefer walking solo, and without music blaring in my head. I find that it is a good time to observe life around you—although, at 6:30 in the morning, there's not much action going on.

Of course, there's the newspaper boy—the modern version, that is. In our village, he rides a motorcycle in lieu of a bike. And there's one who drives around in a jeep. I guess he also serves as the alarm clock of the homeowner.

Direction

At this hour of the morning, some construction workers start coming into our village. One day, as two of them were walking toward my direction, I noticed one nudge the other as he saw me approaching. He obviously remembered me from somewhere, but he couldn't place me. I heard him say: *"Si ano, o!"*

(This did not surprise me one bit. Even at the height of "Champoy," a TV show I was once a part of, I would always hear that remark. At one point, I considered changing my name to "Siano," so that if anyone said it in reference to me, that person would be right!) *(To be concluded)*



TRINIDAD. Success doesn't come easy.

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New film stars make attention-calling debuts

By Nestor U. Torre

WHEN key film roles are being cast, producers are torn between casting established stars or relative unknowns.

Stars can draw audiences, but they cost an arm and a leg. On the other hand, unknowns offer their services for a song in the hope that this appearance will make them popular (so they can charge an arm and a leg for their next movie—!). So, which is it to be?

The producers of the new film, "Sky High," opted to take a chance on young Michael Angarano by casting him in the pivotal role of Will, and preview audiences' enthusiastic reaction to him has proven that their "gamble" was most astute.

ANGARANO. Astute casting gamble.

SIMPSON. Wants to do romantic comedies.

Potential

In the film, a teen's potential as a future crimefighter is measured by a Power Placement Test. Young Will Stronghold (Angarano) doesn't seem to have inherited his mega-powerful parents' amazing superhero skills, so he's relegated to "sidekick" position—until he surprisingly, magically proves everybody wrong.

To play the movie's unlikely young hero, the filmmakers searched for an ordinary, All-American kid who could handle being thrust into a truly extraordinary situation. They found what they were looking for in Angarano, who was earlier noticed for his portrayal of the young Tobey Maguire in "Seabiscuit."

Director Mike Mitchell sums up young Michael's plus points: "He has that true Everykid quality, and he's also a really funny guy. He's very talented physically, and he comes across as a normal likable person you want to hang out with. —That's it!"

For his part, Michael was thrilled to be cast as Will Stronghold. After all, how often does a teen get a chance to transform himself into a superhero, not to mention learn how to leap through solid walls? In "Sky High," with the help of state-of-the-art movie magic, it all comes true!

Pop sensation

On the other hand, pop sensation Jessica Simpson is definitely no unknown, but when it comes to the movies, she's still untested. So, the makers of the new "The Dukes of Hazzard" film also had to gamble on her potential when they cast her as Daisy Duke, the sexy cousin of the characters played by male leads Seann William Scott and Johnny Knoxville.

How did Jessica do in her film debut? She shares, "I thought it was going to be a lot harder, but they all went out of their way to make it easy and comfortable for me."

Why did she choose to do this film, rather than the many others she's been offered? "Daisy is such a fun character to play—she gets everybody out of trouble, people lean on her to make things happen, she wears the skimpiest clothes, but somehow, she pulls it off!"

With "The Dukes of Hazzard," it was important for Jessica "to not go so far away from my persona. Eventually, I will go there, but for my first role, I didn't want it to be so far-fetched."

What about, in two years' time? "I definitely want to do romantic comedies, the stuff that Meg Ryan and Julia Roberts do.—But I also love movies that move you and make you cry!"

Learning animation

STREET SMART

Mandy Navasero

A COMMON vision and passion in digital arts has brought together three people to conceptualize the highly-specialized training center, AsiaDigita Inc.

Ariel Javines, the school's academic director, is a digital guru with vast experience in the field.

Growth

Dinah Duran, its president, has been in the graphic business for nine years. She continues to propel the growth of another graphic design agency, Graphics Library Inc. (GLI), as the company's vice president and creative director, along with its president Tessa Neri, also AsiaDigita's vice president. Tessa was with PDI-Dreamworks, the animation team responsible for "Shrek" and "Madagascar."

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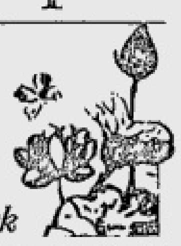


R. Valencia and S. Bismark

GOSSIP is defined in the dictionary as "an easy, unrestrained talk or writing especially about persons or social incidents." It is also described as idle talk.

In our society, gossiping is a common pastime. Some people think of it as a part of life—they think it's alright to gossip. They indulge in it to amuse themselves. But, how does gossip *really* affect us?

Enlightened men don't encourage anyone to engage in gossip. It takes away the focus from our imperfections and, instead, scrutinizes other people's actions. We like to stick our nose into other people's lives.

Introspection

Wise men understand the value of introspection: To weed out our faults and to initiate change. Our first responsibility is to deal with our self-centeredness as evidenced by envy, disrespect, arrogance or impatience. But, our false ego prefers to look the other way. We don't look at *our* diseased condition. Due to misdirected scrutiny, our condition deteriorates—and our "disease" worsens.

How does the "disease" worsen when we engage in gossip? The activity involves using other people's lives for one's own enjoyment and amusement. Instead of respecting people's privacy, we exploit it for our own interest. In the process, we create chaos in their lives.

Sacred relationship

The fact is, the Supreme Being loves everyone. He does not want anyone to be exploited. He cares for each living entity. He knows that people are not perfect and loves them just the same. We should respect the sacred relationship between the Supreme Friend and other living beings.

If we want to be healthy, clean and happy, let's not engage in gossip. Like junk food, gossip is toxic and poisonous to the soul.

The important point is to be aware when our tongue starts wagging. Control the tongue and the mind. Shift the subject matter. Change channels, and talk about more intelligent and useful ideas. This way, we contribute to a more compassionate and kinder society.

From the producer's point of view

By Behn Cervantes

HISTORY is written from the point of view of the victors. The same goes for historical movies.

When an Australian company filmed the Indonesian struggle in "Year of Living Dangerously," it was seen from the point of view of Mel Gibson's character. In like manner, when "A Dangerous Life," a film made about the Martial Law years, was shot in Manila, the script centered on the American reporter in Manila during that historic occasion.

MONTANO. No mere conduit.

Events

Filipinos are flocking to see "The Great Raid" because it took place in the Philippines and co-stars our own Cesar Montano. But, the events in the movie are seen from the point of view of the victorious G.I.s.

The film does little to underscore the Filipinos' contribution, except to say that only two Americans perished while 27 Filipino guerrillas died in the great escape.

The heroics are left to Benjamin Bratt and James Franco. Connie Nielsen portrays a selfless nurse in love with suffering POW Joseph Fiennes. She undergoes Kempetai torture for her war efforts, while Filipinos merely act as her conduits.

Except for Montano and a few Underground nationalists who are killed, the Filipinos seem rather helpless until General MacArthur's delayed return.

Mean and cruel

The Japanese are naturally depicted as a mean and cruel lot. But the movie does not clarify the samurai position vis-a-vis war prisoners, although a line of dialogue states that a prisoner of war is no better than a dog and, therefore, does not deserve humane treatment.

If this were amplified more clearly, we would have felt greater emotional and cultural conflict in the film. However, the sepia documentary footage is a gem of local history well worth the film experience.

The film's conflict is finally resolved with a rather predictable shoot-out, with the Japanese bad guys getting their comeuppance amid noise and fury, signifying little. Will the film gain global admiration for the brave Filipino warriors who fought side by side with G.I. Joe? I hope so—but I doubt it.

Awareness campaign on Nickelodeon

MONTAGE

NICKELODEON, Asia's leading TV channel for kids, has joined forces with the United Nations for the Millennium Development Campaign, called Nick 2015, to raise awareness in children to make the world a better place by year 2015.

The campaign calls on people everywhere to remind governments to keep their promise to end poverty. It will help make children learn more about social issues, and encourage them to get involved. They can petition online on www.nick2015.com. Their petitions will be presented to world leaders this September.

In addition, Nick 2015 will broadcast animation shorts explaining how a Millennium Development Goal affects kids, and what they can do to have a voice in their future. Celebrities like Michael Douglas and Lenny Kravitz will lend their voices to a global media initiative called "Only With Your Voice."

Yimou's acclaimed movies

On Aug. 20 and 27 at 10:30 p.m., ABC-5 screens two of celebrated filmmaker Zhang Yimou's critically-acclaimed movies, "Raise the Red Lantern" and "Ju Dou."

"Raise the Red Lantern" is about a sophisticated woman named Songlian (Gong Li) who has been married off to a rich, old landlord who has three other wives.

Liturgical music

"Bayang Umawit," a concert of liturgical music featuring Noel Cabangon, Cooky Chua, May Bayot and other artists, will be held at 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. today at the AFP Theater, QC. Call 426-5971 and 72.

Pinoy actor wins plum roles

By Rito P. Asilo

FOR John Dahl's "The Great Raid," theater actor Joel Trinidad had to stay in Shanghai for 12 days to shoot one scene with Connie Nielsen ("Gladiator"). Joel warns in jest: "The film is quite good. But, if you don't know I'm in it, you will *not* see me. I saw a preview of the movie, and I was not even in focus! I play the 'pivotal' role of a 'young Filipino collaborator'—and I am billed 72nd in a cast of 75! Nevertheless, it was a great experience."

TRINIDAD. One scene in 12 days.

Familiar faces

Joel landed his first role in an international film in Roger Spottiswoode's "Noriega: God's Favorite" (2000), a made-for-TV movie starring Bob Hoskins. He recalls: "I played a young rebel officer in the film, which used the Philippines to represent Panama. The producers hired every single *maputi* local actor—you'll recognize many familiar faces.

"In a scene where Noriega (Hoskins) staged a coup, my character barged into a room, delivered one line, pissed off Noriega, and got shot in the head! What made the experience more significant to me was that, the guy who did the makeup effects for the bullet hole in my head was one of the creature-effects supervisors of the 'Star Wars' prequels. He was responsible for the Yoda puppet—and I'm a huge 'Star Wars' fan!"

(It's amusing to note, however, that the acclaimed Showtime channel production was cited in the 2001 ALMA awards, which honors actors and directors who promote positive portrayals of Hispanics in the media, for the "outstanding Latino cast in a made-for-TV movie" category—despite its predominantly *Pinoy* cast!)

These days, Joel's infectious verve is warranted: In his third international film, Henry Crum's "Crash Point," the actor plays a substantial role in the action movie that stars Fil-Am actor Mark Dacascos ("The Crying Freeman"), Jeff Fahey ("Lawnmower Man") and Theresa Russell ("Wild Things").

Gist

He explains the gist of the film: "The movie revolves around a remote-control device developed by my character, civilian engineer Robert Gomez, for the Pentagon to control any flying plane from the ground. But, the encoder falls into the hands of terrorists, who threaten to crash a plane every hour if their demands are not met. The movie is a sequel to 'Hunt for Eagle One,' which has the same lead actors." Both films will soon be released consecutively.

We spoke briefly with Crum during his recent stay at the Mandarin Oriental, and the 28-year-old director had only good words for Joel.

Lynda Carter, Jason Stratham on the comeback trail

By Nestor U. Torre

REMEMBER Lynda Carter? Decades ago, she thrilled televiewers with her superheroine exploits in the hit action-fantasy series, "Wonder Woman." Unfortunately, as soon as the series went off the air, so did Carter.

One-two punch

Now, she's making a big comeback— on the big screen. And she's giving her return gambit the one-two punch, appearing not just in "The Dukes of Hazzard," but also in "Sky High."

In "Dukes," she plays a friend of the family. She elaborates: "Boss Hogg sort of lusts for me, and Burt Reynolds can play a sturdy old man. Then, you don't quite know what the relationship between Willy Nelson and my character really is!"

"Sky High" was an even more enjoyable shoot for Carter, because it took her back to her "Wonder Woman" days with its own sci-fi, fantasy and superhero elements.

Larger than life

In the film, Carter plays the principal of a high school for teens with superpowers. Director Mike Mitchell liked the actress' dynamic take on her character, which she played as larger than life—"a really intimidating force of nature that the kids can't help but respond to!"

Any chance of "Wonder Woman" being produced for the movie screen? With the current fantasy-superhero film fad in full froth—definitely.

But, Carter realistically believes that the title character should be played, not by her, but by a new actress in her 20s. Enough said!

Also on the comeback trail is Jason Stratham, the unlikely star of Guy Ritchie's sleeper hit, "The Transporter." Stratham has wrapped up work on the 2002 movie's sequel, "The Transporter 2."

CARTER AND STRATHAM. Star in "The Dukes of Hazzard" and "The Transporter 2," respectively.

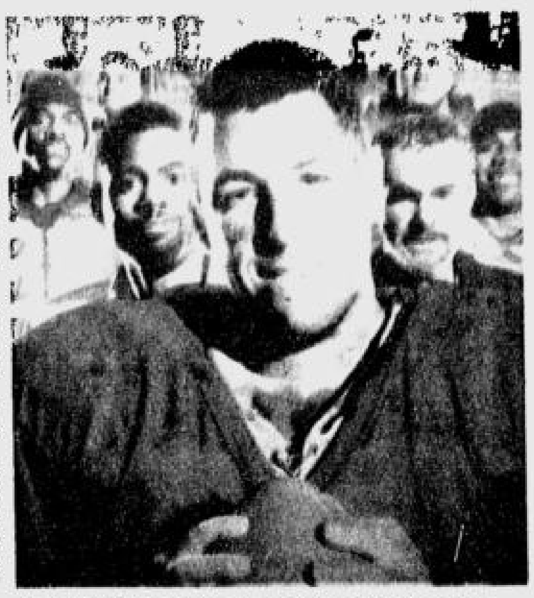
Before he became the Transporter, Stratham was selling cheap jewelry to tourists on the streets of London. Ritchie spotted him, Stratham told the director about his life as a small-time con, and the non-actor was put in a series of films—"Lock, Stock, and Two Smoking Barrels" in 1998, "Snatch" in 2001, and "Mean Machine," "The One" and "The Transporter" in 2002.

In his new film, Stratham's character, ex-commando Frank Martin, has retired in Miami, driving for the Billings family. When the two Billings boys, Jack and Devon, are kidnapped and injected with a potentially fatal virus, Martin works desperately to rescue them and discover the kidnapper's master plan.

Finally, Adam Sandler makes his own comeback to sports comedy in "The Longest Yard," his first film of this movie type in years, after hits like "Happy Gilmore" and "The Waterboy."

In the film, Sandler's character gets himself kicked out of the football league for shaving points, then kicked into prison for taking police on a wild joyride. He just wants to serve his time, but he's forced to coach a football team of inmates versus a team of prison guards.

At first, the inmates refuse to cooperate, but they become a sizzling team when Sandler motivates them to use the game as an opportunity for them to get back at the prison guards, whom they hate with a vengeance!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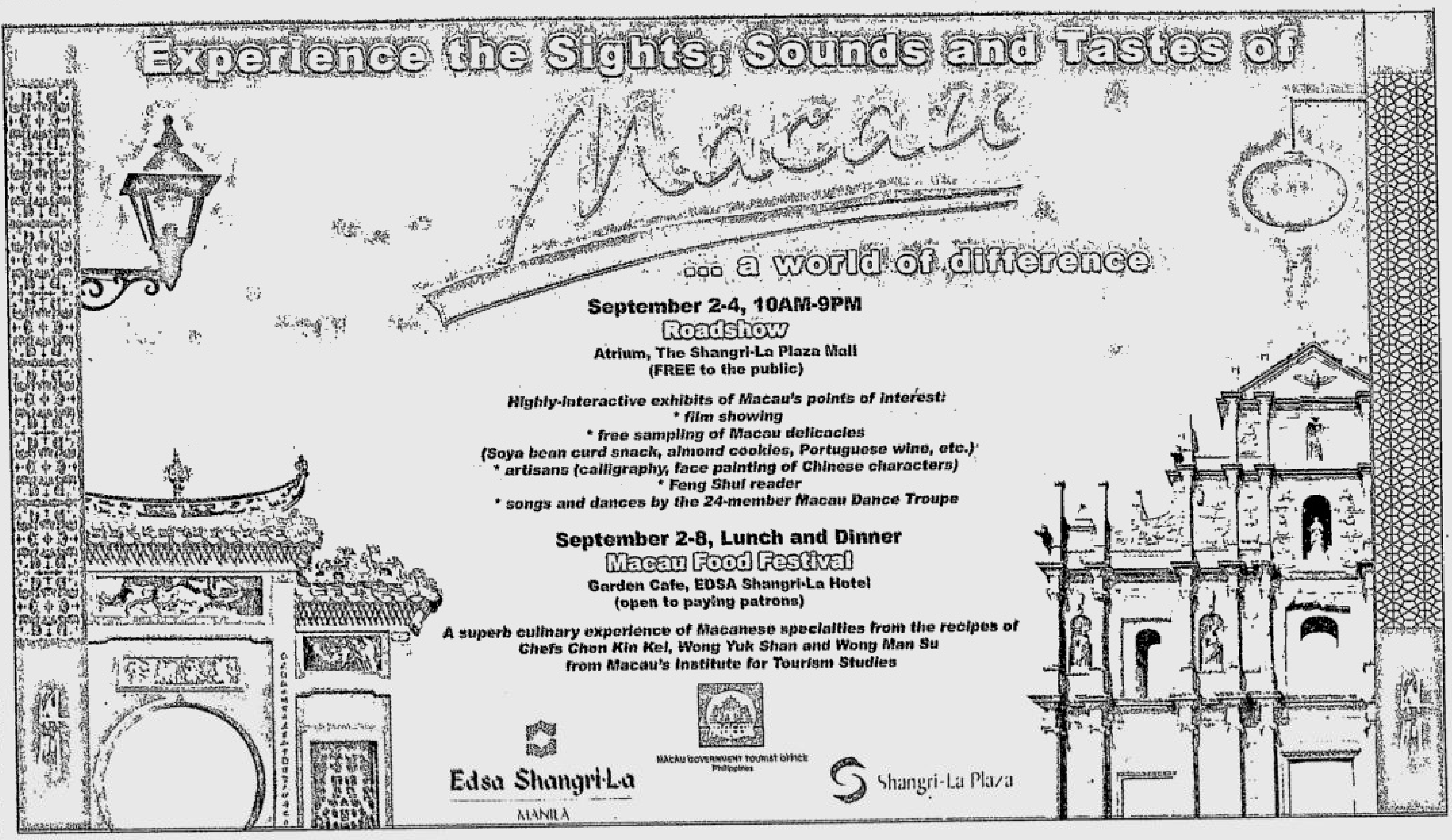
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ABC 5	Winner TV Shopping		Junior Watch	KNN	Anime Ring Kasho		Lizzie Mcguire	Islamusik		Mr. Fighting		Club TV		Wow Maling Mali		Maverick & Ariel	Ju Dou		
GMA 7	Startalk			Wish Ko Lang		Wag Kukurap	Pinoy Pop Superstar		Bitoy's Funniest Videos/Kapuso Mo, Jessica Soho		Imbestigador		Idol Ko Si Kap			Showbiz Stripped			
RPN 9		Tara Lets	Defenders Of The Earth	Biyaheng Langit	Kids TV	Hanapbuhay Overseas		Isumbong mo kay Tulfo		Medical Investigation		CSI: Miami		Laureus Sports Awards				Money Talk	
IBC 13		Home Shopping Network		Nation's Peacekeeper	Good Take	Home Shopping Network		Pangarap Kong Jackpot		The Wesley's Mysterious File				Bitag		In This Corner		MTV	
SBN 21		New Life TV Shop		Friends Again		Sheperds Voice		EZ Shop		JA1		Oras Ng Himala		Oras ng Katotohanan		Superfine Tv Shopping		Oras Ng Himala	
Studio 23								Sports TV	Mr. Bean	Survivor		The Bachelorette		Gilmore Girls	Studio 23 Present				Real Deal
MTV Philippines	MTV Presents: The Faders Live	Boiling Points # 207	MTV Live Green Day At Rock AM Ring	MTV Live: Weezer At Rock AM Ring	Viva La Bam # 203	Dismissed # 601	Wildboyz # 203	Punk'd # 404	One Bad Trip # 106	MTV & VH1 Present: Right To Royalty By HP (Parts 1 & 2)						Brand New	Diary Of Moby	2004 Pilipinas Red Carpet Special	Moto: Foo Fighters Live In Denmark
MYX	Star MYX	Urban MYX	Rock MYX	OPM MYX	My MYX	Take 5	MYX Backtrax	MYX Firsts	Mellow MYX	Pop MYX	Urban MYX	MYX Presents		Mobile MYX Top Picks	Top Of The Pops	MYX Live!		MYX Backtrax	Mellow MYX
CNN	World Business This Week	World News	People In The News	Larry King Live		World News	World Sport	World News	International Correspondents	World News	Spark	World News	The Daily Show With John Stewart: Global Edition	World News	Spark	World News	Talk Asia	World News	Diplomatic License
ESPN												Sportscenter Asia							
Solar Sports	WTA 2005				Phil. 9-Ball Open				Phil. 9-Ball Open				Sports Desk	WNBA Game				NBA XL	Sounds of the Finals
Sports Plus					Get A Grip On Golf			Sirius Satellite Radio Highlights		BD Mexican	Tour De France	Ultimate Fighting Championship							
Cinemax	Balmain Boys (2:45 PM)			Thrill Seekers (4:15 PM)			The Cradle Will Fall (5:45 PM)				Landslide (7:25 PM)			Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle			Patriot Games (10:45PM)		
Hallmark Channel	Mad About You	Winter Solstice				Winter Solstice				Hustle		Wire In The Blood		Dummy			Mitch Albom's 5 People You Meet In Heaven		
Disney Channel	Recess	Sabrina, The Animated Series	Lizzie Mcguire	Wicked Science	Kim Possible So The Dramathon						Kim Possible Movie So The Drama			Mr. Bean	That's So Raven	Phil Of The Future	Even Stevens	Sabrina: The Teenage Witch: Friends Forever	
Discovery Channel		Human Discovery		Evolver	One Step Beyond	Blueprint For Disaster		Hour China		Wild Discovery				Guilty Or Innocent		Mummy Autopsy		Extreme Discovery	
National Geographic		Big Bite Nite				The Great Thirstland		Creature Feature				Animals Like Us		The Snake Wranglers	Totally Wild	Big Bite Nite			
Cartoon Network		Police Academy	The Detective Squad	Tom & Jerry Show	Baby Looney Tunes	Foster's Home For Imaginary Friends	Winx Club	Hi Hi Puffy AmiYumi	Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles	Samurai Jack	Hot Wheels Acceleracers Breaking Point			Cartoon Cartoon Show: Courage	Grand Sazer	Crush Gear Nitro	Justice League	Space Ghost Coast to Coast	Aqua Teen Hunger Force
Nickelodeon	Sabrina, The Teenage Witch	Unfabulous	Naturally Sadie	Romeo- New Episodes	Drake & Josh	The Fairly Odd Parents	My Dad The Rock Star	Danny Phantom	My Life As A Teenage Robot	SpongeBob SquarePants	The Fairly Odd Parents	Four Eyes	Romeo- New Episodes	Girls In Love	The Amanda Show	My Dad The Rock Star	Four Eyes	The Wild Thornberrys	Are You Afraid of the Dark?
Lifestyle Network	Carol Duvall	HGTV Special		Radical Sabbatical	Road & Track	Genuine Article	Food Fight	Date Plate	Emeril Live		Nigella Bites	How Do I Look		NY Fashion Week	Look For Less	El Extra 101 Sensational Crimes Of Fashion		Fashion Trance	
Star World		The Collector		Miami Vice		Monk		Roswell		Enterprise		TNA Xplosion		I Dare You		Enterprise		The Kumars At No. 42	Arrested Development
AXN				Hollywood's Greatest Stunts	Hollywood's Greatest Stunts	AXN Shakedown		30 Seconds To Fame	E Buzz	Now See This	Now See This	Ripley's Believe It or Not		Lost		House		Crazy In Alabama	
JackTV		Worst Case Scenario		Cheat	Filter	Samurai Jack	X-Men	Justice League Unlimited	The Batman	WWE Bottomline		Wwe Raw				Drawn Together	The Man Show	Chappelle's Show	Beat The Geeks
ETC		Saturday Night Live		For Love Or Money		Joan Of Arcadia		The O.C.		Queer eye For The Straight Guy		Last Comic Standing		Saturday Night Live		Entertainment Tonight	The Insider	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno	
HBO			Bring It On Again			Something's Gotta Give				Jumanji (7:15 PM)				Highwaymen			Dreamcatcher (10:20PM)		
Star Movies		For Love Of The Game (2:50 PM)				Mystery Men (5:10 PM)				Jeepers Creepers 2 (7:15 PM)				Bruce Almighty			Cheaper By The Dozen		
EWTN	Voices On Virtue	Angelus (3:15 PM)	The Beatitudes	Story Keepers	Faith Factor C	Rosary With Mother Angelica	Life Is Worth Living	Catholic Compass		The World Over		Daily Mass Live		Angelus (9:15 PM)	A Christian Pilgrimage To Jordan	Choices We Face	Crisis In Culture	Life on The Rock Encore	

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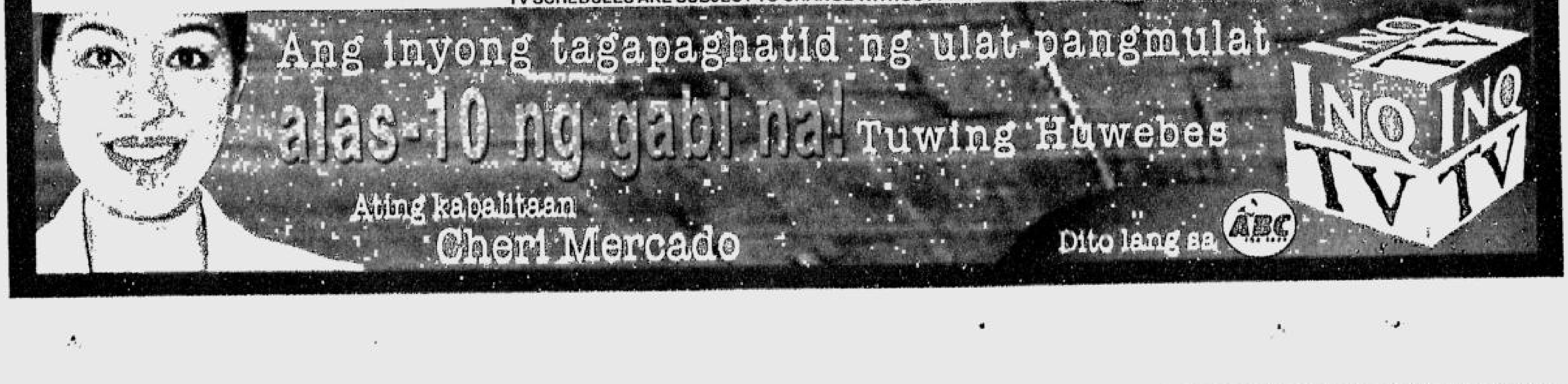
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ARTIST	RING NAME	RINGID
ALICIA KEYS	IF I AIN'T GOT YOU	103107
ALICIA KEYS	FALLIN'	103106
ALICIA KEYS	YOU DON'T KNOW MY NAME	103108
AVRIL LAVIGNE	COMPLICATED	103109
AVRIL LAVIGNE	MY HAPPY ENDING	103115
AVRIL LAVIGNE	I'M WITH YOU	103114
AVRIL LAVIGNE	SK8ER BOI	103117
BEYONCE KNOWLES	BABY BOY	101466
BEYONCE KNOWLES	CRAZY IN LOVE	101467
BEYONCE KNOWLES	ME MYSELF AND I	101468
BRITNEY SPEARS	BABY ONE MORE TIME	103130
BRITNEY SPEARS	DO SOMETHING	103131
BRITNEY SPEARS	EVERYTIME	103132
BRITNEY SPEARS	MY PREROGATIVE	103134
BRITNEY SPEARS	TOXIC	103135
CELINE DION	BECAUSE YOU LOVED ME	101472
CELINE DION	THE POWER OF LOVE	101479
CELINE DION	TO LOVE YOU MORE	101480
CELINE DION	MY HEART WILL GO ON	101476
CELINE DION	IT'S ALL COMING BACK TO ME NOW	101475

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ARTIST	RING NAME	RING ID
CELINE DION	ALL BY MYSELF	101470
CELINE DION	MIRACLE	101628
CELINE DION	A NEW DAY HAS COME	101469
CELINE DION	BEAUTY AND THE BEAST	101471
CELINE DION	IF YOU ASKED ME TO	101473
CELINE DION	I'M ALIVE	101474
CHRISTINA AGUILERA	CAR WASH	102232
CHRISTINA AGUILERA	COME ON OVER	103136
CHRISTINA AGUILERA	GENIE IN A BOTTLE	103137
CHRISTINA AGUILERA	I TURN TO YOU	103138
CYNDI LAUPER	GIRLS JUST WANNA HAVE FUN	101481
CYNDI LAUPER	TRUE COLORS	101484
CYNDI LAUPER	TIME AFTER TIME	101483
CYNDI LAUPER	I DROVE ALL NIGHT	101482
DESTINY'S CHILD	LOSE MY BREATH	102299
DESTINY'S CHILD	SOLDIER	102298
DESTINY'S CHILD	EMOTIONS	101488
DESTINY'S CHILD	BOOTYLICIOUS	101487
DESTINY'S CHILD	SURVIVOR	101491
DESTINY'S CHILD	JUMPIN JUMPIN	101490
DESTINY'S CHILD	INDEPENDENT WOMAN	101489

ARTIST	RING NAME	RING ID
GWEN STEFANI	HOLLABACK GIRL	103072
GWEN STEFANI	RICH GIRL	102259
GWEN STEFANI	WHAT YOU WAITING FOR	102258
JENNIFER LOPEZ	GET RIGHT	102312
JENNIFER LOPEZ	HOLD YOU DOWN (FEAT. FAT JOE)	102314
JENNIFER LOPEZ	LET'S GET LOUD	101534
JENNIFER LOPEZ	AIN'T IT FUNNY	101532
JENNIFER LOPEZ	IF YOU HAD MY LOVE	101528
JENNIFER LOPEZ	JENNY FROM THE BLOCK	101533
JENNIFER LOPEZ	FEELIN SO GOOD	101529
JENNIFER LOPEZ	I'M REAL	101531
JENNIFER LOPEZ	GET RIGHT (FEAT. FABOLOUS)	102313
JENNIFER LOPEZ	PLAY	101530
JESSICA SIMPSON	TAKE MY BREATH AWAY	101497
JESSICA SIMPSON	SWEETEST SIN	101496
JESSICA SIMPSON	IN THIS SKIN	101495
JOJO	SECRET LOVE	103235
JOJO	BABY IT'S YOU	102261
JOJO	NOT THAT KINDA GIRL	102879
JOJO	LEAVE (GET OUT)	102262

ARTIST	RING NAME	RING ID
JOSS STONE	DON'T CHA WANNA RIDE	102696
JOSS STONE	FELL INLOVE WITH A BOY	102697
JOSS STONE	SUPER DUPER LOVE	102699
JOSS STONE	SUPER DUPER LOVE	
	(ARE YOU DIGGIN ON ME)	
	PART 1 SINGLE MIX	102698
JOSS STONE	YOU HAD ME	102700
KELLY CLARKSON	A MOMENT LIKE THIS	103169
KELLY CLARKSON	BEFORE YOUR LOVE	103170
KELLY CLARKSON	JUST MISSED THE TRAIN	103171
KELLY CLARKSON	LOW	103172
KYLIE MINOGUE	CAN'T GET YOU OUT OF MY HEAD	102669
KYLIE MINOGUE	ON A NIGHT LIKE THIS	
102674		
KYLIE MINOGUE	LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT	102883
KYLIE MINOGUE	CHOCOLATE	102670
KYLIE MINOGUE	SLOW	102676
KYLIE MINOGUE	SPINNING AROUND	102677
KYLIE MINOGUE	GIVING YOU UP	102671
KYLIE MINOGUE	IN YOUR EYES	102672
KYLIE MINOGUE	RED BLOODED WOMAN	102675
MANDY MOORE	CRY	102153

ARTIST	RING NAME	RING ID
MANDY MOORE	CANDY	102152
MANDY MOORE	IN MY POCKET	102154
MARIAH CAREY	WE BELONG TOGETHER	103236
MARIAH CAREY	ALWAYS BE MY BABY	101506
MARIAH CAREY	I STILL BELIEVE	101509
MARIAH CAREY	HERO	101507
MARIAH CAREY	MY ALL	101510
MARIAH CAREY	HONEY	101508
MARIAH CAREY	WITHOUT YOU	101511
MARIAH CAREY	ITS LIKE THAT	
	(FEAT. JD & FATMAN SCOOP)	102509
NORAH JONES	DON'T KNOW WHY	102716
NORAH JONES	COME AWAY WITH ME	102715
NORAH JONES	WHAT AM I TO YOU	102719
NORAH JONES	SUNRISE	102717
NORAH JONES	THOSE SWEET WORDS	102718
TONI BRAXTON	UNBREAK MY HEART	103220
TONI BRAXTON	YOU'RE MAKIN' ME HIGH	103221
WHITNEY HOUSTON	GREATEST LOVE OF ALL	103230
WHITNEY HOUSTON	I WANNA DANCE WITH SOMEBODY	103232
WHITNEY HOUSTON	HOW WILL I KNOW	103231
WHITNEY HOUSTON	IT'S NOT RIGHT BUT IT'S OK	103233

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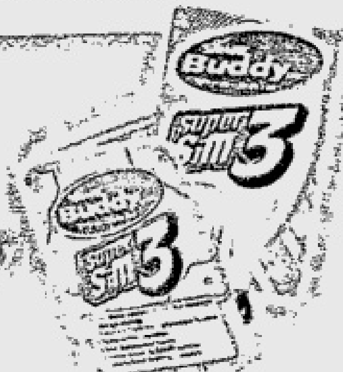

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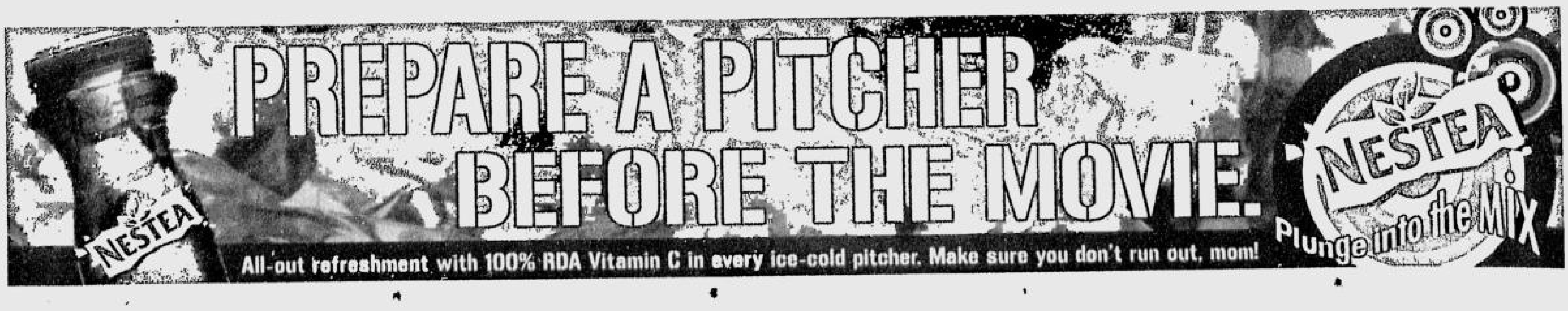
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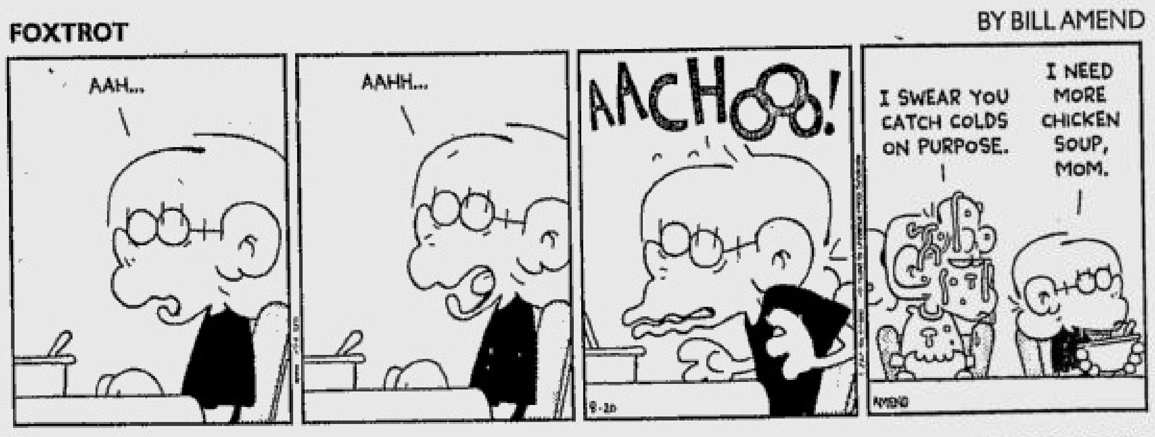
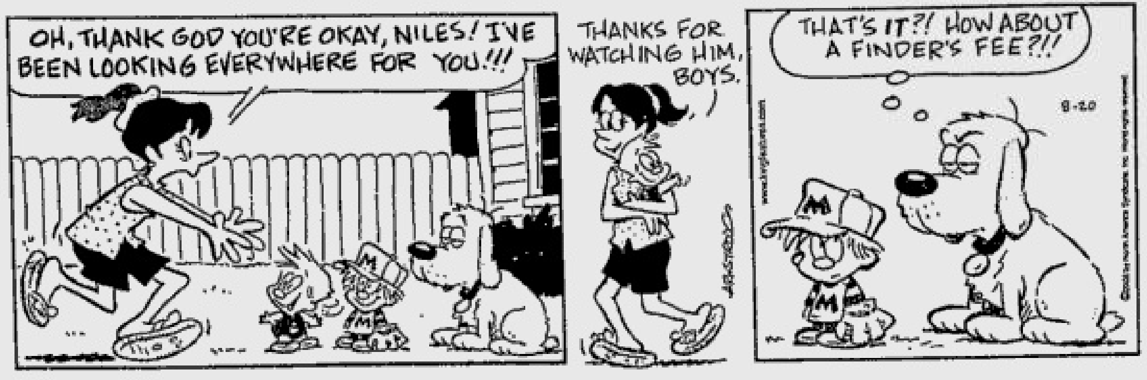
FOXTROT

BY BILL AMEND


AAH...
AAHH...
AACHOOO!
I SWEAR YOU CATCH COLDS ON PURPOSE.
I NEED MORE CHICKEN SOUP, MOM.
8-20
AMEND

MARVIN

BY TOM ARMSTRONG


OH, THANK GOD YOU'RE OKAY, NILES! I'VE BEEN LOOKING EVERYWHERE FOR YOU!!!
THANKS FOR WATCHING HIM, BOYS.
THAT'S IT?! HOW ABOUT A FINDER'S FEE?!!
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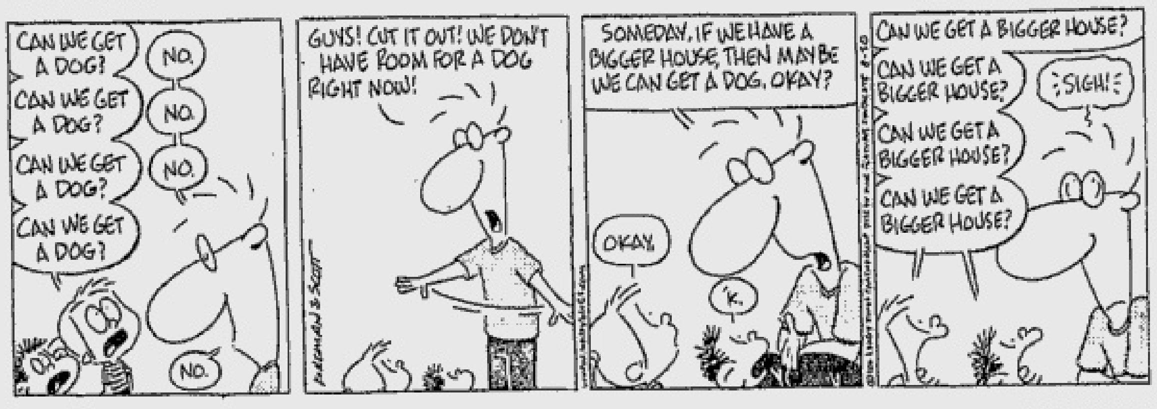
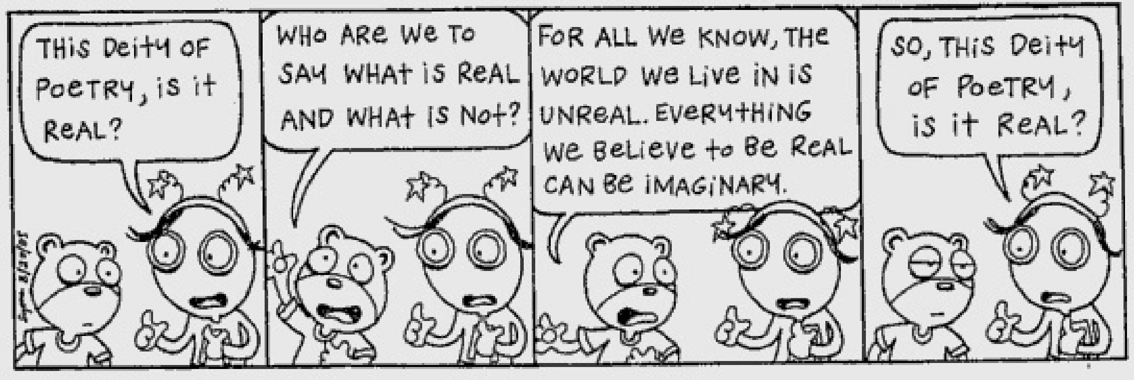
BABY BLUES

BY JERRY SCOTT


CAN WE GET A DOG?
NO.
CAN WE GET A DOG?
NO.
CAN WE GET A DOG?
NO.
CAN WE GET A DOG?
NO.
GUYS! CUT IT OUT! WE DON'T HAVE ROOM FOR A DOG RIGHT NOW!
SOMEDAY, IF WE HAVE A BIGGER HOUSE, THEN MAYBE WE CAN GET A DOG. OKAY?
OKAY.
K.
CAN WE GET A BIGGER HOUSE?
CAN WE GET A BIGGER HOUSE?
CAN WE GET A BIGGER HOUSE?
CAN WE GET A BIGGER HOUSE?
SIGH!

ATOMO AND WEBOY

BY LYRA GARCELLANO


THIS DEITY OF POETRY, IS IT REAL?
WHO ARE WE TO SAY WHAT IS REAL AND WHAT IS NOT?
FOR ALL WE KNOW, THE WORLD WE LIVE IN IS UNREAL. EVERYTHING WE BELIEVE TO BE REAL CAN BE IMAGINARY.
SO, THIS DEITY OF POETRY, IS IT REAL?

HOROSCOPE

BY FRANCIS DRAKE

YOU BORN TODAY: You can be a bit extreme at times. You tend to go overboard, at least in the eyes of others. You love theater and the arts. Partnerships benefit you. Opportunities often come through friends. You're a wonderful communicator. The year ahead promises much: It could literally be one of the best years of your life!
Birthdate of: Robert Plant, musician; Al Roker, TV personality; Connie Chung, TV journalist.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19): Someone older might give you very good advice today. Alternatively, you might be suddenly attracted to someone older or more experienced. (You admire their achievements.)

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20): This is the perfect time to think about long-range plans for the future connected with work and home. You might be thinking about when to retire or how to save for your old age.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20): Plans connected with publishing, travel, the media, dealings with foreign countries and the law are carefully laid out today. You want to know what long-term benefits are possible.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22): Think about what you want to do to secure your home more firmly for the future. You're concerned with tomorrow's security, not just today's pleasure.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22): This is a great day for any kind of mental work or long-range planning. You'll give attention to detail. You won't overlook anything. You have a very careful frame of mind today: "Measure twice, cut once."

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22): Behind-the-scenes efforts could create earnings or profits for you. You might also be working closely with the government or some large institution. Today is your payoff!

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22): An older friend will help you today. This help might be direct, physical, tangible assistance; it might be financial; it might be wise advice.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21): Do something today that promotes your good name with others. Your reputation as a reliable and conscientious person can be boosted today. (VIPs respect you now.)

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21): You're questioning your loyalty to a group or a friend. You're not in this for a weekend thrill: You're in it for the long haul. You're willing to prove your dependability.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19): People are impressed with your industry! Your hardworking, reliable, steady-Eddie quality makes others sit up and take notice. (Quality generally wins out in the end.)

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18): Long-term plans about publishing, travel or foreign countries come together very nicely today. Now you have a better idea what you can expect. Furthermore, this pleases you.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20): An old debt might be paid to you or your partner today. Something related to shared possessions and the joint ownership of things can finally be wrapped up fair and square.

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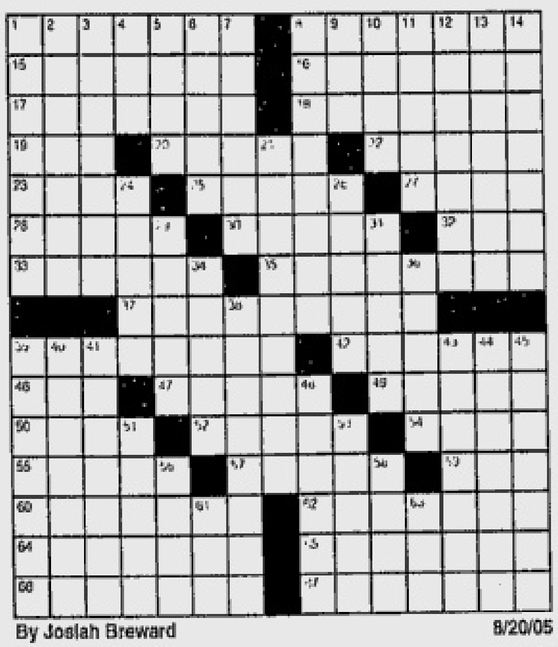

By Josiah Breward
Scranton, PA

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ACROSS
1 Apollo's twin sister
8 Bucket in a Buick
15 Domestic
16 Herzog film, "__: The Wrath of God"
17 Pittsburgh player
18 Castle's back gate
19 Nest-egg $
20 Mine cars
22 Surround
23 Carrier bag
25 Foolish folk
27 Famous singing star
28 Like many baths
30 Gradient
32 Decimal base
33 Scornful expressions
35 Unskilled
37 Regret for wrongdoing
39 Beloved of Troilus
42 Tried out
46 Biddy
47 Sees
49 Michaels of "Saturday Night Live"
50 Singer Fitzgerald
52 Enjoyed a siesta
54 Splinter group
55 Lab containers
57 Tijuana ta-ta
59 Pub offering
60 Proof of purchase
62 Guitarist Eric
64 Rest upon
65 Most uncanny
66 Homemaker, in a way
67 Straphanger

DOWN
1 Helps out
2 Practice some more
3 British molasses
4 Celebration night
5 Beer ingredient
6 Like some gases
7 Drinker's tubes
8 Final stroke
9 Back in time
10 Step on it
11 Located
12 Religious recluse
13 One who shows up
14 Victoria of "All of Me"
21 Had influence
24 Retains
26 Tuckered out
29 Frock or gown
31 Surpass
34 Uses scissors
36 Guadalajara bread?
38 Worshiper of false gods
39 V-shaped insignia
40 Cause the alleviation of
41 Intertwines
43 Gave medical aid to
44 Surround
45 Period without war
48 Aromatic flavorings
51 Danger drill
53 For rent, in London
56 Flowerpot spot
58 Fleetwood Mac hit
61 Soupy Sales projectile
63 Fastening device

Friday's Puzzle Solved

T	H	E	B	A	B	E	■	F	E	L	T	S	A	D
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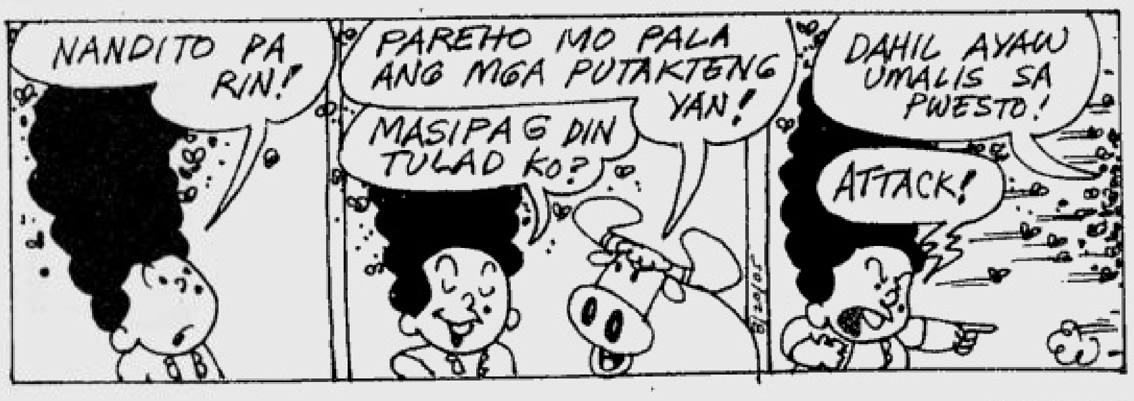
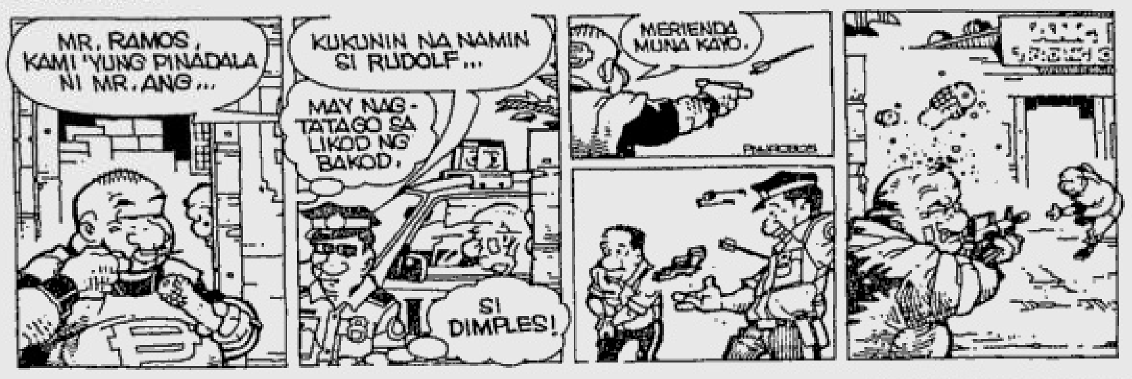

NANDITO PA RIN!
PAREHO MO PALA ANG MGA PUTAKTENG YAN!
MASIPAG DIN TULAD KO?
DAHIL AYAW UMALIS SA PWESTO!
ATTACK!

PUGAD BABOY

BY P.M. JUNIOR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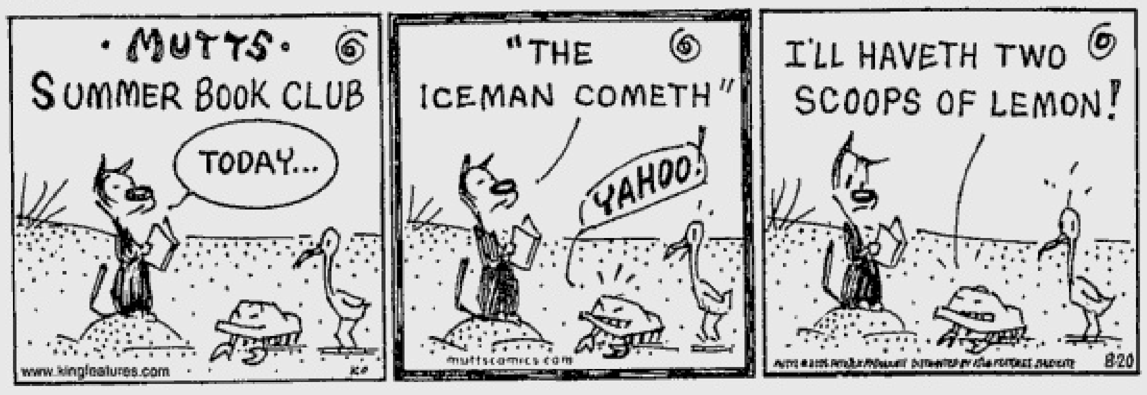
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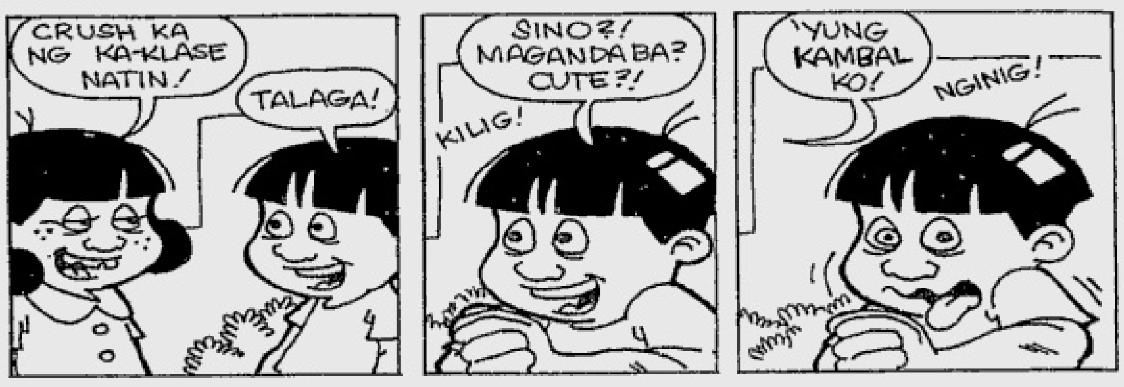
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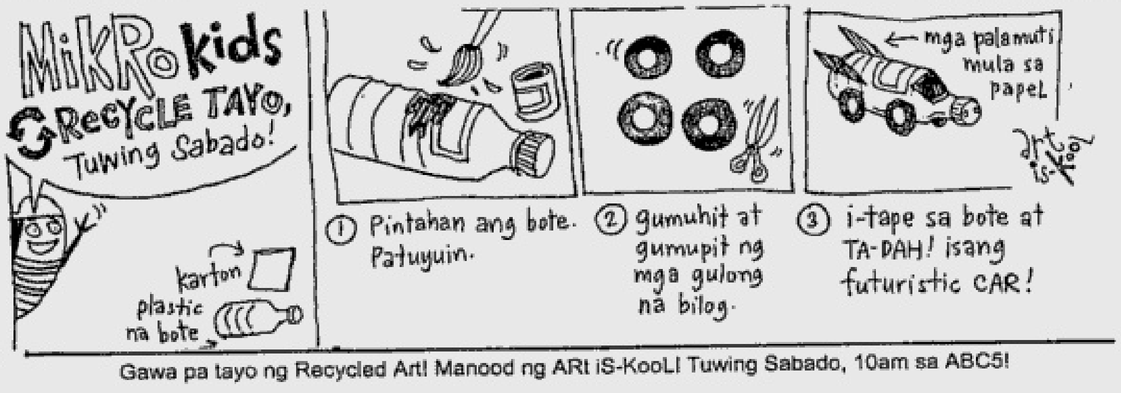
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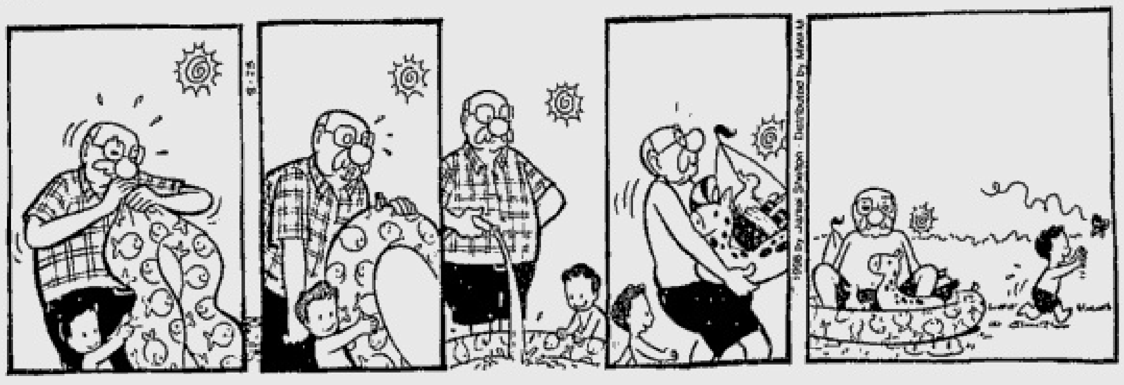

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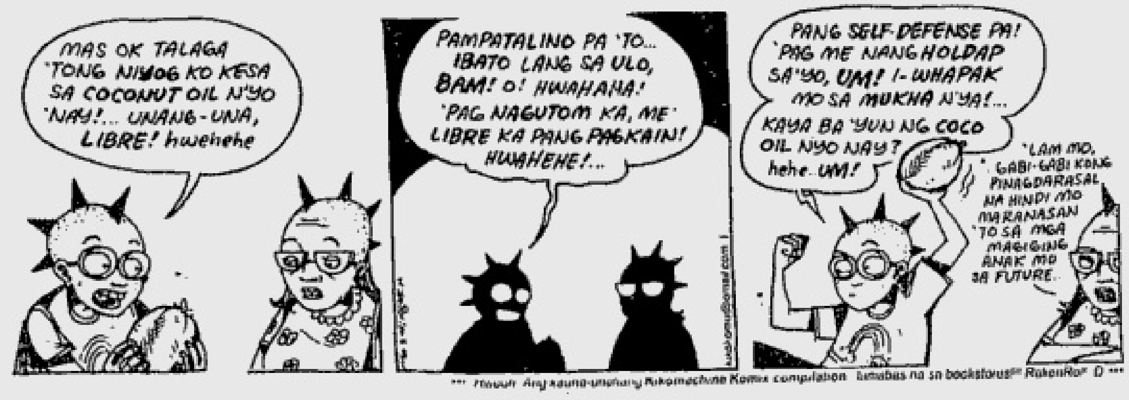
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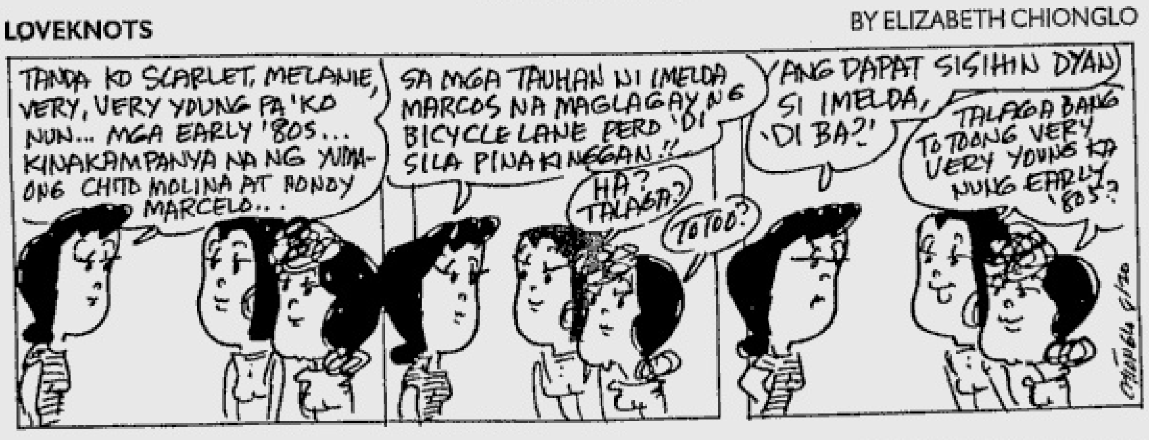
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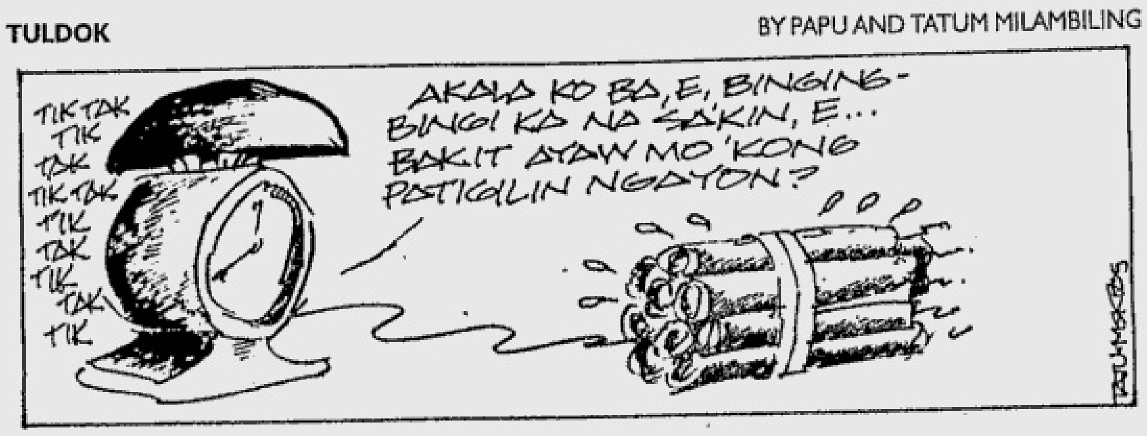
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Real drama in Yao Ming documentary

By Noelani Torre

IT WOULD take a lot of foolish blundering to screw up the telling of basketball star Yao Ming's compelling story, and the guys behind "The Year of the Yao" are far from fools.

In fact, they—Adam del Deo and James Stern (of "Michael Jordan to the Max" fame)—are practitioners of the audience-winning, smooth and slick craft of contemporary ESPN-ish sports journalism. This is something you'll realize five minutes into their documentary on Yao.

Portrait

Their 88-minute-long portrait of the 7'5" Houston Rockets center from Shanghai is something you'd expect to see on a sports channel, not in your neighborhood mall's cinemas.

This isn't to say that the film doesn't acquit itself well on the big screen. "The Year of the Yao" is an enjoyable viewing experience, and it's packed with enough real drama to keep even non-basketball fans interested. And since it was produced in conjunction with NBA Entertainment, the oh-so-glossy picture of professional American basketball presented here isn't unexpected.

It is, however, the main reason for the whole production's smacking too much of promotional television. "The Year of the Yao" doesn't really delve that deep, and it shies away from the more controversial and, frankly, more fascinating aspects of basketball.

Money is never mentioned, for one. Politics is handled with kid gloves—and hardly ever spoken of. And though it looks like Yao had cameras following him everywhere, we don't get to see how he adjusts to the high-speed, bling-bling obsessed culture he finds himself thrust into—or even what his opinion of it is.

Still, the film has its good points. It succeeds mainly in showing us the enormous pressure heaped on Yao's broad but young shoulders. When the Rockets made him the number one draft pick in 2002, Yao Ming was 22 years old and hardly spoke English.

Training

He'd played for the Shanghai Sharks since he was in his teens, but the training he got there did not prepare him for the brutality of American pro basketball.

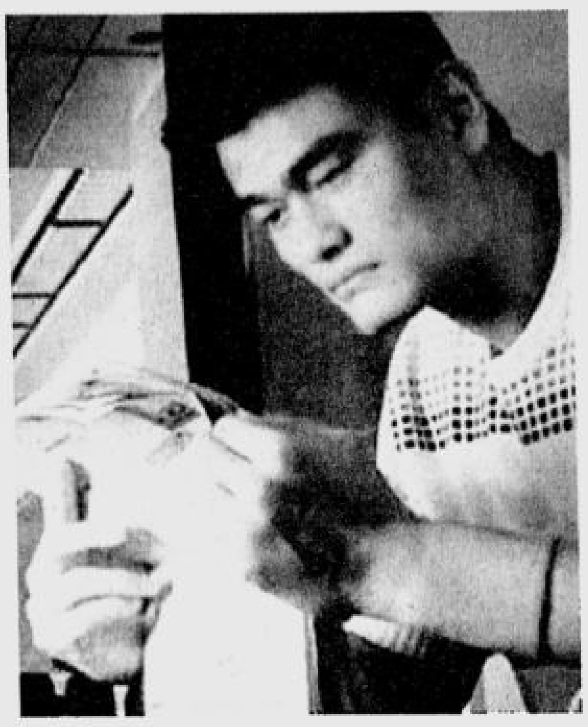
Nevertheless, he was expected to propel his team to greatness, vanquish his opponents (i.e., Shaquille O'Neal) on their own turf, and make China proud.

This is where Yao's story gets interesting. He fumbled passes, missed shots, and got shoved to the floor. He looked like a big klutz and the Houston Rockets' number one error in judgment. He did not, in short, live up to all the hype.

He eventually did, of course, or else there would be no documentary, and it is this turnaround that provides the film with its drama.

Human warmth is provided by Colin Pine, Yao's translator and himself a rookie. He does much of the narration, in fact, inasmuch as he was Yao's constant companion, friend and confidante.

Still, despite all the cameras and numerous interviews, the surface is all we get. It's a good-humored and gracious surface, but you can see the same thing in his commercials and print ads.



YAO. Initially, he failed to live up to the hype.

Lena Horne, Hollywood headliner

By Behn Cervantes

BEFORE Dorothy Dandridge, Halle Berry, Tina Turner and Whitney Houston scored unprecedented success, Lena Horne was already a headliner.

In 1938, she was the first black celebrity to ink a long-term contract with MGM. Lena was the beautiful singer who immortalized "Stormy Weather" with her electrifying, seductive style. Ebony magazine described her as "an exotic, stunning woman with a vibrant voice."

HORNE. Lived through periods of great change.

Prejudice

Realizing that prejudice persisted in the studios, Lena's flamboyant father pointedly asked MGM to supply his daughter with a maid. He asked because if MGM wouldn't, he would—he wanted his daughter to enjoy the perks that came with stardom!

Lena seldom appeared in films, although she would usually be included in the studio's grand musicals (like "Till the Clouds Roll By"), where her isolated roles could be easily excised when those films made the rounds of the south. She was blacklisted on television and in the movies for her close association with the rebellious Paul Robeson.

Lena Horne lived through periods of great change. The beautiful actress starred in "Jamaica" on Broadway in 1953 with Ricardo Montalban. Then, she returned to the big screen opposite Richard Widmark in "Death of a Gunfighter."

In 1980, she won a Tony award for her one-woman show, "Lena Horne: The Lady and Her Music."

In 1984, Horne was feted with a Lifetime Achievement award by the prestigious Kennedy Center. She made rare appearances on "The Cosby Show," and appeared as Glinda in "The Wiz" alongside black superstars like Michael Jackson and Whitney Houston, who certainly owe her a debt of gratitude for clearing the path for their respective successes.

Born in Brooklyn in 1917, Lena has outlived many of her contemporaries like Frank Sinatra and Perry Como. Having lived through colorful trials, she has merited two memoirs: "In Person" (1951) and "Lena" (1965).

Standard

She was not about to fade away, either. In a recent album, she re-interpreted "Stormy Weather" in the soulful manner she felt black singers would have done the well-loved standard. She explained that the well-known version was meant for the ears of more conservative whites.

When asked who should portray her if a film about her life were made, the 88-year-old legend said: "Well, she's gotta be someone small. I'm just a little old lady—*that's* what I am!"

Of stray cats and dogs

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for the guileful, selfish men in their lives. As they wait in vain, they realize that, sometimes, there's more love worth keeping in friendship than in romance.

The blown-up version of the film, a wee bit shorter and more compact than the digital print we saw a few months ago (check out our Aug. 12 review of "Mga Pusang Gala" at www.inq7.net), boasts of a kick-ass script that drips with caustic humor and foreseeable tragedy, lush photography, and career-best performances from Davao, Adlawan, Reggie Curley, Lauren Novero and Alchris Galura. You say you want a good Filipino film? This is it. Watch it.

"Must Love Dogs"

D: Gary David Goldberg

S: Diane Lane, John Cusack, Dermot Mulroney

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CUSACK AND LANE. Matter-of-fact ardor and bravado.

After getting her heart broken by a former husband "who just stopped loving me," Sarah (Diane Lane) decides that it's time to move on. Unfortunately, her reluctant plunge back into the dating game—arranged by her feisty, eager-beaver sisters (Elizabeth Perkins, Ali Hillis), who posted her brushed-up profile in an online dating service—gets off to an inauspicious start when the "dashing 50-year-old gentleman with a yellow rose" she agrees to meet on a blind date turns out to be her own recently-widowed seventysomething father, Bill (Christopher Plummer)!

After a series of colorful but unsuccessful first dates, however, Sarah meets Jake (John Cusack), a witty and charming boat builder who's as intellectually impressive as he is physically attractive.

Sparks fly at first sight, but the nervous, eager-to-please guy just ends up insulting her—unintentionally, of course.

To make things more confounding, Bob (Dermot Mulroney), the gorgeous, recently-divorced father of one of her students, turns up on her doorstep and shows some interest. Curiously, though, Bobby's ex-wife and young son describe him as "incorrigible"! (Impressive jargon for a toddler, we must say.) Tough choices for a beautiful, lonely woman to make, huh?

Gary David Goldberg's film isn't original—and it doesn't pretend to be. In fact, its twists and turns burst with familiar situational contrivances, idiosyncratic but well-meaning characters, and engineered-to-entertain scenes that are as predictable as a cuddly dog's loyalty to his master.

But, only romantic cynics can deny the fact that the director's trademark feel-good schmaltz (remember "Dad"?) comes in handy when our tired spirits need some perking up at the end of a long and stressful day.

On point of entertainment value, Goldberg's light rom-com works because it wears its heart on its sleeve. But, much of its success is due to the delightful performances of Cusack, Lane and Perkins.

Goldberg writes lines that are light, witty and charming—and even when they sound trite or stale, his actors deliver them with matter-of-fact ardor and bravado that you can't help but believe them: As Bill explains his duplicitous ways with women, he reveals his loneliness and grief over his fallen wife: "I'm just dancing (with them). Maybe if I dance fast enough, I won't remember what I've lost." Sniff.

"The Skeleton Key"

D: Iain Softley

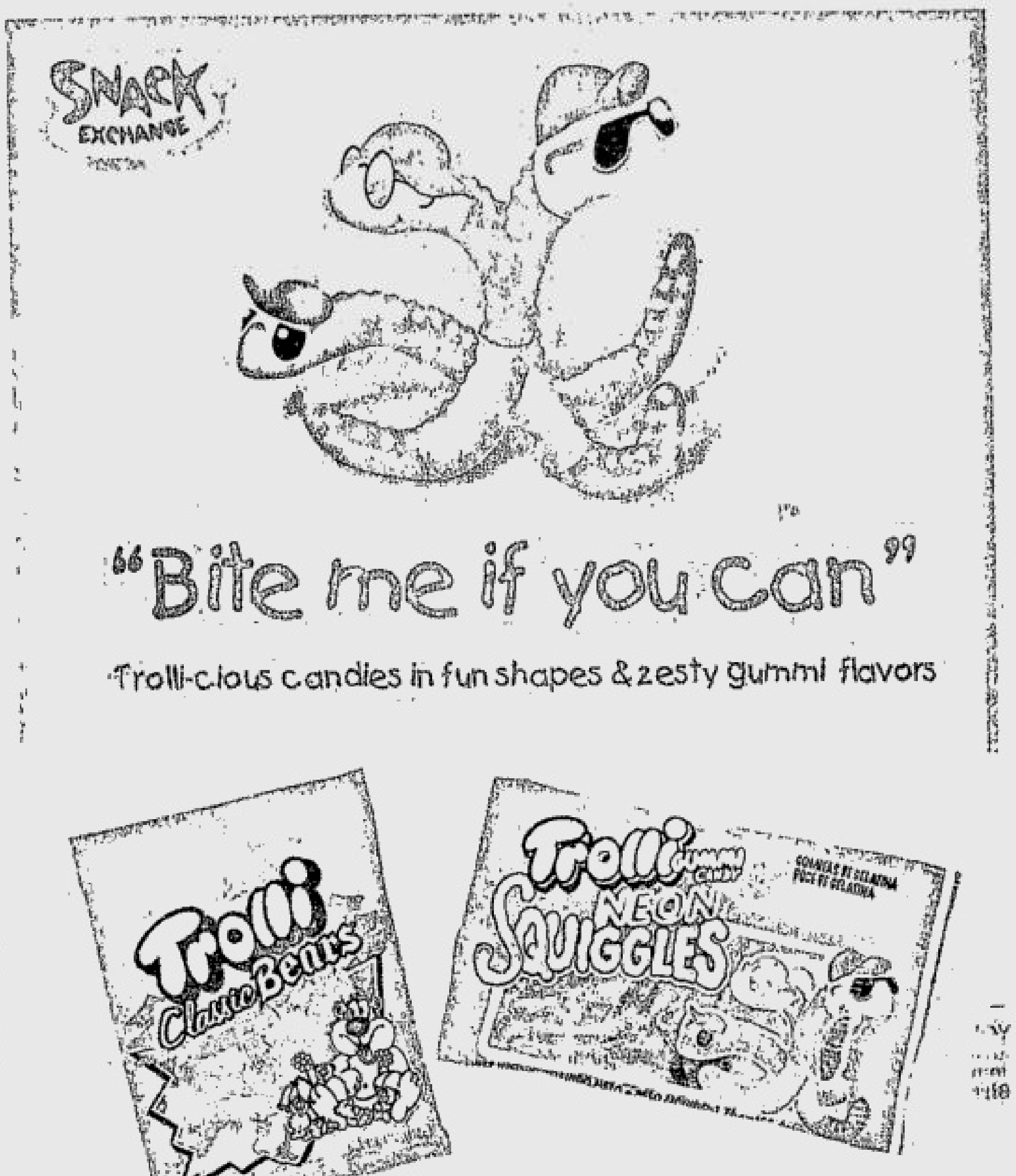
S: Kate Hudson, Peter Sarsgaard

Iain Softley's suspense-thriller—about Caroline (Kate Hudson), a caregiver who has more time to snoop around a creepy, creaky mansion than to look after her stroke-disabled ward, Ben (John Hurt)—is a brooding film that features glossy production sheen, an intriguing premise and charismatic leads.

Caroline is given a skeleton key that can open every door in the 30-room mansion—*except* a mysterious door in the attic!

Made curious by the baffling one-liners ("She wouldn't understand the house") of Ben's distant wife, Violet (Gena Rowlands), she starts to investigate the mirrorless abode. Then, she slowly unravels the dark secrets of the old house and its strange inhabitants.

But, she should have listened to Violet's thinly veiled warning: "You think so much about the time you have left, you don't spend it living." But, here's a better one: Curiosity killed the cat! Enough said.



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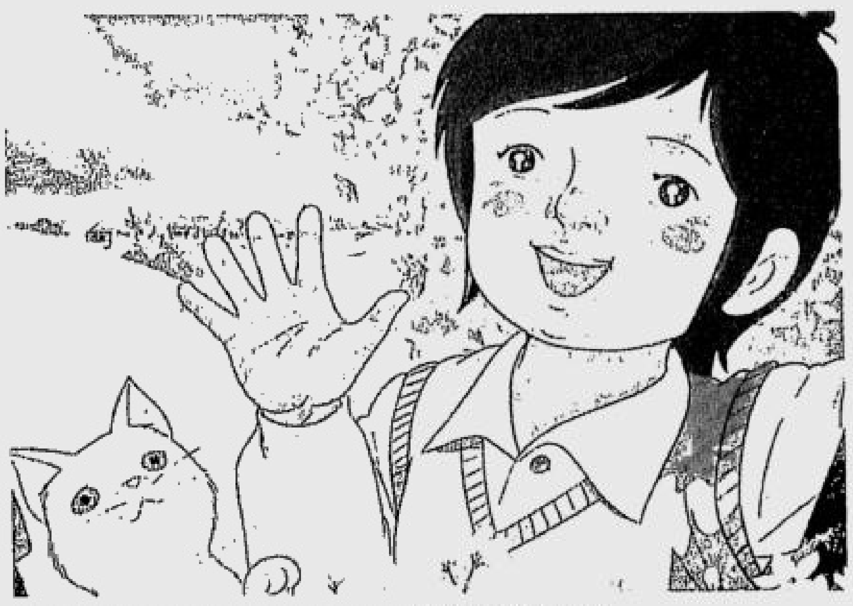
More 'Happy Tales' episodes being produced for television

By Nestor U. Torre

MAG Cruz Hatol, secretary general of the Southeast Asia Foundation for Children and Television, has just come back from Japan, and is happy to report that a new batch of "Happy Tales" stories for young viewers is currently being produced by Soka Gakkai head, Dr. Daisaku Ikeda.

This is happy news indeed for the many Filipino parents, educators and youths who thoroughly enjoyed viewing the first set of "Happy Tales" productions, when they were telecast and replayed over GMA-7 in the past couple of years.


INSPIRING stories for children that impart good values.

First batch

Hatol further shares that the Shinano group, which produces the *animé* children's series for Soka Gakkai, has given SEAFCTV the go signal to produce the first batch of 13 stories in DVD format, so it can be distributed to public schools all over the country.

Why have the "Happy Tales" videos been so popular in the Philippines? Hatol believes the genuineness and clarity of their storytelling, the good values they impart, and the inspiration they provide young viewers, especially at this time of confusion and trouble, are the series' best plus points.

He also agrees with a teacher in Davao who recently told him, "You can't teach values, you have to show them in action." "Happy Tales" does precisely that, so viewers are grateful, and reward the show with their avid patronage, even on its nth replay.

As for the second batch of "Happy Tales" productions, Hatol reveals that 23 titles are in the offing. Five of them will be released in the next few months, while the rest will take up to five years to be completed.

"Happy Tales" is an expensive series to produce, but the Soka Gakkai organization is only too happy to foot the hefty bill. Its head, Dr. Ikeda, is a great believer in the power of education to effect peace, which is one of Soka Gakkai's main objectives.

The fact that he himself penned the "Happy Tales" stories underscores Dr. Ikeda's personal commitment to using the media to inspire young people to live their lives according to the good values and tenets vivified in his tales.

Success

Dr. Ikeda has been so happy with the success of "Happy Tales" in the Philippines that he has given SEAFCTV the right to represent the series throughout Southeast Asia.

To date, Hatol reveals, TV networks in Taiwan and Thailand have expressed great interest in telecasting the series, and talks with other countries are in the offing.

Important force

Hatol adds that his recent visit to Japan has "bolstered my feeling about Soka Gakkai being an important force in global education. Their use of television is beautifully and dynamically focused on values education.

"In general, SGI uses media very efficiently and creatively in disseminating its worthy tenets to the mass audience. Its dynamic use of media should serve as an example for other spiritual groups."

The bond that links SGI and SEAFCTV has become very strong through the years. This December, the foundation will present its Anak TV Seal awards at the SGI building on Timog ave., Q.C.

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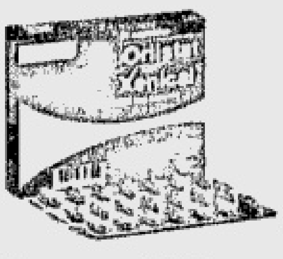

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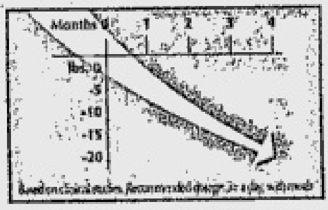

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Peso slides back to 56.045 to $1

Demand for dollars rises with onset of importing season

By Doris C. Dumlao

THE PESO yesterday slipped back to the 56 level against the US dollar as oil prices surged toward $64 a barrel over the crisis that broke out in Ecuador, South America's fifth biggest oil producer.

The local currency closed at 56.045 from Thursday's 55.93 to the greenback at the Philippine Dealing System, the spot foreign exchange market, where volume turnover reached $355.5 million.

"There were continuing concerns over oil supply disruptions," one currency dealer said, noting corporate demand likewise picked up ahead of the weekend.

Jose Emmanuel Hilado, treasurer of BDO Private Bank and president of foreign exchange association ACI Philippines, said: "The peso will continue to range between 55.50 to 56.25:$1 depending on the corporate requirement (for dollars)."

Hilado noted that because it was an importing season, outflows were usually greater than inflows, thus putting the currency under pressure.

The country's import bills are seasonally highest in the third quarter of each year as producers beef up inventory in anticipation of strong demand during Christmas.

"But the market is looking at the lifting (by the Supreme Court) of the TRO (temporary restraint order) on the value-added tax implementation possibly by next week, so that will be a positive," he said.

Hilado noted that a favorable ruling on the VAT could somehow negate the bearish sentiment triggered by the lack of foreign exchange inflows and concerns on oil supply disruptions.

As of yesterday, traders said the production shutdown and suspension of exports by Ecuador's state oil firm

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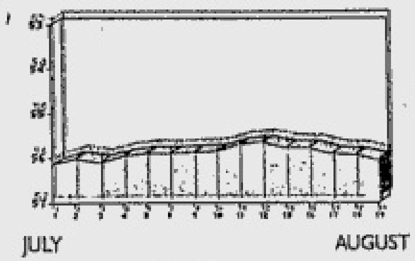

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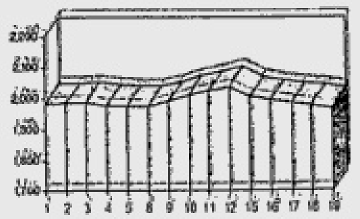

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Shares close 0.65% lower

SHARE prices closed 0.65 percent down to a three-week low yesterday amid worries about the impact of high oil prices on corporate bottom lines, dealers said.

They said many investors also stayed on the sidelines ahead of the Supreme Court's ruling on the expanded value-added tax (VAT) law, which is expected to be an

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RESIDENTS buy kerosene at an independent gas station behind a billboard displaying new pump prices in Manila. President Macapagal-Arroyo is to ask Congress for emergency powers to impose mandatory energy conservation measures, including fuel rationing, amid record-high oil prices. AFP

Oil import bill seen doubling to $7.5B

By Abigail L. Ho

WITH the price of the regional benchmark Dubai crude surging to as high as $57.80 a barrel on any given day, the country's oil import bill may well soar to $7.5 billion even before the year closes.

Consumer and Oil Price Watch chair Raul Concepcion said that based on Dubai crude priced at $56 a barrel, the current import bill could be at $7.5 billion, more than double last year's $3.5 billion when Dubai crude was at $28.

Documents from the Department of Energy showed that for the first five months of the year, the country's oil import bill soared 27.2 percent to $2.3 billion from only $1.8 billion in the same period last year, despite an 8.6-percent decline in actual oil demand.

Over the last nine years, the country's oil import bill had risen dramatically, rising from only 7.7 percent of gross domestic product in 1995 to 22 percent last year, one of the worst in Asia, Energy Undersecretary Peter Anthony Abaya said.

According to data from the DOE, Dubai crude jumped to an average of $56 a barrel in the first 18 days of August from the July average of $52.83. Its highest price ever was recorded Aug. 12 at $57.80 a barrel.

The price of unleaded gasoline based on the Mean of Platts Singapore (MOPS) benchmark for

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Gov't to update New York, London investors

By Michelle V. Remo

THE COUNTRY'S economic officials will meet with investors from New York and London in September to discuss the fiscal situation in the Philippines, and possibly get a feel of the appetite of the foreign market for a new debt issue.

Finance Undersecretary Roberto Tan said the meeting would be made on the sidelines of the United Nation's 2005 World Summit on Sept. 14-16 and the Asean Finance Ministers Seminar on Sept. 21.

Tan said the World Summit and the Asean event were an opportunity for the country's economic officials to meet with foreign investors following the cancellation of an economic roadshow last June.

The roadshow, in which Philippine economic officials were scheduled to visit various cities in Europe and the United States to update investors on fiscal developments here, was canceled following uncertainties triggered by calls for President Macapagal-Arroyo to step down due to charges

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Benguet bags P3-B water deal

By Christine A. Gaylican

BENGUET Corp. has clinched a P3-billion project to supply Baguio City with drinking water over the next 25 years.

Under the Bulk Water Supply contract, Benguet Corp. will have to deliver 50,000 cubic meters of treated water per day (MLD) to the country's summer capital and surrounding communities.

The Baguio Water District awarded the contract to the company on Aug. 16, said Leopoldo Sison III, Benguet vice president for business development.

Sison yesterday told the INQUIRER that Benguet is just waiting for instructions from the local government agency before they could proceed to establish "the project timelines."

"We hope the project construction will commence by the last quarter of this year," Sison said.

In a disclosure to the Philippine Stock Exchange yesterday, the mining company said it would convert the mined out open pit in Antamok, Itogon, into a reservoir and construct a treatment plant nearby to provide potable water to Baguio City.

Benguet Corp. will also develop the surrounding area and turn it into a protected watershed.

Antamok, Itogon is seven kilometers away from Baguio City.

"The project has an initial capital requirement of P2.8 billion, with a contract duration of 25 years, renewable for another 25 years," Sison said.

He said that, aside from being a viable business undertaking, the bulk water project can also be a mine rehabilitation solution.

The company operated the open pit Antamok gold mine for six years. The operation was suspended in 1998 after it was discovered that the mine was no longer viable.

Once fully operational, the facility will not only supply the water requirements of Baguio City, a popular tourist destination, but also that of the surrounding communities of Itogon, the host municipality.

The company is already supplying water in some parts of Itogon. It also has a bulk water project in four towns of Bukidnon, Central Mindanao.

The water project was opposed by some residents of Itogon town.

Benguet Corp. was the lone qualified participant in the bidding.

In a report filed with the Mines and Geosciences Bureau, Benguet Corp. said that when operations ceased in the Antamok gold mine, the open pit was supposed to be filled. Later, it was decided that the entire mining area would be re-engineered and converted to alternative use.

The conversion of the open pit into a water reservoir while turning the surrounding area into a watershed are consistent with the DENR's policy on sustainable management of resources.

The Mines and Geosciences Bureau also endorsed the project as a preferred mine rehabilitation option which is in consonance with the policy of the agency.

6 mining companies keen on listing

By Elizabeth L. Sanchez

SIX foreign and local mining firms are now studying plans of raising capital from the local stock market

According to Benjamin Philip Romualdez, president of The Chamber of Mines of the Philippines, the firms were encouraged into listing following the Supreme Court decision opening up the mining industry to foreign investments.

"It is time to capture the mining boom since we are expecting highs in copper and gold prices," Romualdez said after a cocktail event at the Philippine Stock Exchange Ayala Tower Thursday night. "[The firms] are seeing that the economic picture is stabilizing and improving."

The companies are Red Five, Royalco Resources and Rusina Mining, all based in Australia; Canadian firms Thistle and Sur America; and local firm San Fabian.

The Philippine Stock Exchange earlier relaxed its listing rules to allow mining firms to raise additional capital from the stock market should they find it tough to comply with the bourse's listing requirements, PSE president Francis Lim had said.

The mining sector has been in the limelight lately after the Supreme Court allowed the sector to be opened to foreign investments.

Lim stressed that PSE is not adopting a new set of listing rules for the mining sector. It is just liberally interpreting the rules to accommodate mining companies who are worth listing but cannot comply with operating history requirements.

The local stock market's mining industry recently emerged as the best performing sector during the first half of 2005, surging 111.2 percent to an average index level of 3,109.34 from 1,472.07 in the same period a year ago.

Actual FDI inflows up 172.5% in first 5 mos

By Doris C. Dumlao

DESPITE a 50 percent drop in foreign direct investments registered with the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas from January to May this year, actual FDI inflows surged by 172.5 percent during the period to reach $417 million.

But the figure still represented a small slice of the net FDIs flowing to developing Asia, which rose from a post-currency crisis and post-dotcom bubble low of $49 billion in 2002 to about $62 billion in 2004, of which mainland China got the lion's share.

It was earlier reported that FDI flows registered with the BSP fell by about 50 percent in the first five months of the year to $232.64 million from $470.03 million a year ago.

The BSP said, however, that the data did not capture the activities of those companies that do not register their businesses with the BSP because they could raise foreign exchange from their own operations. An example is the export sector.

"Hence, investments of these companies are not captured by BSP-registered investments data," the BSP said in a statement.

The BSP added that there was no mandatory period within which to register foreign investments with the BSP, which means there could be a considerable time lag between the inflow of the investment funds and the registration with the BSP.

"Instead, the true measure of FDI flows should be taken from the BSP's balance of payments (BOP) statistics, which measures actual flows that transpire during the reference period, and whose measurement is based on internationally accepted concepts and procedures," the BSP said.

In the first five months of the year, the BSP said all components of FDI—net equity capital, reinvested earnings and other capital such as inter-company loans, had posted gains.

"New foreign investments into the country during the period consisted mainly of hefty investments in the manufacturing sector from Hong Kong and Japan," the BSP said.

RP educators firm up foothold in China

By Ronnel W. Domingo

THE LOCAL education sector is gearing up to expand its share of the growing market in mainland China and follow through on last year's revenues of $1.36 million, the trade department said yesterday.

Trade Secretary Peter B. Favila said the country would be taking part for the second time in the China Education Expo to be held in Beijing in October.

"We want to position our education sector as world-class service providers by promoting their capabilities on services such as English as Second Language, undergraduate and post-graduate degree programs, especially those related to medicine and business," Favila said.

CEE is China's biggest education expo where 274 companies and institutes of higher learning from Canada, Australia, United States, United Kingdom and other parts of Asia are expected to take part.

Favila said local players had their eyes on the estimated 3 million to 5 million young Chinese eager to pursue education abroad.

He said many Chinese have opened up to English language education and foreign exchange programs in recent years, since China is preparing for membership in the World Trade Organization. The mainland will also play host to the 2008 Olympic Games.

Local players' participation in last year's CEE resulted in a memorandum of agreement between the Polytechnic University of the Philippines and China's Anyang Institute of Technology, among other gains.

The PUP-AIT deal provides a venue for future programs between Chinese and Philippine universities.

The government continues to encourage local players to tap the China market, considering there are currently 657 joint educational ventures and programs in the mainland.

Steel mill to roll out tinplates by Nov.

THE INDIAN owners of the country's largest steel mill will relaunch tinplate output at their revitalized plant in November and hope to run the whole operation at full capacity in 2006.

Global Steel Philippines, which is paying P13 billion over eight years to acquire the former National Steel Corp. from the government, is the country's top exporter of cold rolled steel, selling to China and other Asian neighbors.

Sushant Das, president of Global Steel, said the plant was operating at 30-35 percent of capacity.

"Next month we will be ramping up to 45 or 50 percent," Das said on Thursday.

That comes to about 60,000 tons a month of cold rolled steel, which is galvanized (zinc coated) and used in construction.

Once the country's flagship producer, National Steel shut down production in 1999. Global Steel took over operations last year. The company invested $30 million to rehabilitate the mill in Iligan City.

Steel prices, fueled by China's industrial revolution, have surged in the last two years. Although prices of some grades have fallen since the start of the year as supply has grown, they have recovered about 10 percent in the last month.

Global Steel Philippines is a unit of Global Steel Holdings Ltd.

Global Steel will have the capacity to roll out 75,000 tons of tin-coated steel each month. The steel will be used in food and beverage packing, Das said.

Tin has lost about 25 percent of its value since hitting a 15-year high in May 2004.

Das said Malaysia and Indonesia would supply the tin, while Japan and South Korea would supply tin mill black plate—the steel base—for an initial period.

Global Steel runs a hot strip mill, which can produce 100,000 tons a month, as well as the cold rolling and tinplate lines. It buys its raw material, steel slab, from Australia, China, Thailand and India, Das said.

The company employs 1,148 people compared with 5,000 in the days of National Steel.

Most of its exports go to China, Indonesia, Malaysia, Vietnam and Cambodia, Das said.

"This plant is strategically located in Southeast Asia, providing ease of access to key markets such as China, the world's largest consumer of steel," he said. *Reuters*

Peso slides back . . .

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Petroecuador following street protests had scared the regional financial markets, which were already reeling from the US dollar's recent rebound.

Ecuador, which pumps out an average of 200,000 barrels of oil a day and sells half of its oil exports to the United States, declared a state of emergency Wednesday due to snowballing protests calling for the renegotiation of contracts with foreign oil firms.

The protesters have occupied 200 oil facilities and airports in Lago Agrio and El Coca provinces.

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of election fraud.

"This (meeting with investors next month) would not have the same scale as what we had planned for the roadshow," Tan said.

The Philippines still has to borrow $850 million through a bond float to complete its $4-billion foreign financing requirement for the year. Of the $4 billion, $900 million will be accounted for by official development assistance, while $3.1 billion should come from commercial sources.

So far the government has raised $2.25 billion through two separate bond floats early this year.

The 2005 World Summit will gather about 170 heads of state, including President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo. In the summit, issues like debt relief for heavily indebted countries and trade facilitation would be discussed.

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refined petroleum products also surged to an Aug. 1-18 average of $70.66 a barrel, after skyrocketing to an historic high of $73.90 last Aug. 15. The July average was placed at only $64.70 a barrel.

MOPS-based diesel likewise climbed to an August average of $71.77 a barrel from last month's average of $71.38.

Concepcion said that while supply was not the problem, the country should step up efforts to push energy conservation to prevent any possible fiscal problems.

"We have to cut down consumption, otherwise it will put pressure on our foreign exchange reserves," he said in a statement yesterday.

The country's economic managers have recommended the passage of a law that will give President Macapagal-Arroyo emergency powers and implement, among others, a fuel-rationing scheme during times of tight supply.

Lawmakers slammed the economic team for even suggesting this.

Not to be deterred, Ms Arroyo on Thursday ordered government agencies, state-run corporations and universities to implement a gas-rationing scheme to enable them to reduce their monthly fuel consumption by 10 percent.

Under this mandate, the use of government vehicles will be restricted to essential activities. Weekend travel using such vehicles is also banned.

"The 10-percent mandatory savings on electricity and fuel cost that I have announced earlier is only the acceptable floor for the effort; much greater than 10 percent should be the working target," Ms Arroyo said.

PHILIPPINE STOCK EXCHANGE

(As of August 19, 2005)

STOCKS	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE	VOLUME
BANKS & FINANCIAL SERVICES					
BANKS					
Asiatrust Dev. Bank Inc.	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.1	12,000
Banco de Oro Univ. Bank	33.5	33.5	33	33	718,800
Bank of the Phil. Islands	51	51.5	51	51	89,700
China Banking Corp.	840	840	840	840	100
Citystate Savings Bank	17.5	17.5	17.5	17.5	500
Export and Ind. Bank Inc.	0.67	0.67	0.66	0.66	2,730,000
Equitable PCI Bank Inc.	51.5	51.5	51.5	51.5	213,400
International Exch. Bank	19	19	19	19	80,000
Metropolitan Bank & Trust	28	28	27.5	28	1,311,600
Philippine National Bank	39.5	40.5	39.5	40	96,900
Rizal Comm. Banking Corp.	14	14	14	14	42,200
Security Bank Corp.	31.5	31.5	31	31.5	121,700
Union Bank of the Phil.	31	31	31	31	5,100
FINANCIAL SERVICES					
PCI Leasing & Fin. Inc.	1.04	1.04	1.04	1.04	132,000
COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL					
COMMUNICATION					
Digital Telecom Phils Inc.	1.02	1.02	1	1	8,930,000
Globe Telecom Inc.	750	750	725	730	51,930
Ipeople Inc.	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	50,000
Island Info and Tech Inc.	0.045	0.045	0.045	0.045	200,000
ISM Communications Corp.	0.0525	0.055	0.0525	0.055	1,200,000
Pilipino Tel. Corp.	3.15	3.15	3.1	3.15	352,000
Phil. Long Dis Tel Co.	1625	1625	1610	1610	96,730
Ivantage Corp.	0.63	0.65	0.63	0.64	3,360,000
Philweb Corp.	0.016	0.017	0.016	0.017	8,200,000
POWER, ENERGY & OTHER UTILITIES					
Manila Electric Co. A	14.75	14.75	14.75	14.75	43,800
Manila Electric Co. B	24.25	24.25	24.25	24.25	518,400
Manila Water Co. Inc.	6.6	6.6	6.5	6.5	2,644,000
Petron Corp.	3.25	3.25	3.25	3.25	589,000
Trans-Asia Oil and Energy	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	200,000
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES					
Int'l Container Term'l Sv	8.2	8.2	8.1	8.1	252,000
Keppel Phils. Marine Inc.	0.64	0.64	0.62	0.62	110,000
Lorenzo Shipping Corp.	1.1	1.14	1.1	1.14	2,008,000
CONSTRUCTION & OTHER RELATED PRODUCTS					
Engineering Equip. Inc.	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	300,000
Holcim Philippines Inc.	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1	186,000
FOOD, BEVERAGES & TOBACCO					
Jollibee Foods Corp.	31.5	32	31.5	32	214,600
San Miguel Corp. A	68.5	68.5	68.5	68.5	137,500
San Miguel Corp. B	98	98	98	98	444,400
Universal Robina Corp.	16	16.75	16	16.75	133,300
Vitarich Corp.	0.26	0.26	0.26	0.26	200,000
HOLDING FIRMS					
Ayala Corp.	310	312.5	307.5	310	91,670
Alsons Cons. Res. Inc.	0.56	0.56	0.53	0.53	720,000
Aboitiz Equity Ventures	4.95	4.95	4.95	4.95	38,000
Alliance Global Group Inc.	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	3,000
Ajo.Net Holdings Inc.	0.025	0.025	0.025	0.025	1,700,000
A. Soriano Corp.	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	10,000
Alcorn Gold Res. Corp.	0.0075	0.0075	0.0075	0.0075	76,000,000
Anglo Phil Holdings Corp.	0.66	0.67	0.64	0.64	1,070,000
Bacnotan Cons Indus Inc.	10	10	10	10	20,000
Benpres Holdings Corp.	1.12	1.12	1.12	1.12	2,702,000
Basic Consolidated Inc.	0.225	0.225	0.225	0.225	400,000
CADP Group Corp.	0.86	0.86	0.86	0.86	140,000
Southeast Asian Cement	0.26	0.26	0.26	0.26	1,050,000
DMCI Holdings Inc.	3.05	3.1	3	3.1	2,037,000
Ever-Gotesco Resources	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	1,400,000
Filinvest Dev. Corp.	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	2,000
Fil-Hispano Holdings Corp.	8.1	8.1	7.9	7.9	1,454,000
First Phil Hldgs Corp.	44.5	44.5	44	44.5	166,300
Global Equities Inc.	0.0725	0.0725	0.0725	0.0725	100,000
House Of Investments Inc.	0.96	0.96	0.96	0.96	60,000
J.G. Summit Holdings Inc.	3.45	3.45	3.35	3.35	3,978,000
Macroasia Corp.	1.74	1.74	1.74	1.74	12,000
Megaworld Corp.	1.4	1.4	1.38	1.38	2,953,000
Metro Pacific Corp.	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.35	16,820,000
Prime Orion Phils. Inc.	0.22	0.22	0.22	0.22	40,000
Roxas Holdings Inc.	1	1	1	1	100,000
Solid Group Inc.	0.54	0.57	0.54	0.57	360,000
SM Investments Corp.	223	223	217	218	302,010
Wellex Industries Inc.	0.14	0.145	0.14	0.145	700,000
Waterfront Phils. Inc.	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	200,000
MANUFACTURING, DISTRIBUTION & TRADING					
Corro-Coat Inc.	1.06	1.06	1.06	1.06	10,000
Euro-Med Lab. Phil. Inc.	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	51,000
Music Semiconductors Corp.	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	50,000
HOTEL, RECREATION & OTHER SERVICES					
Belle Corp.	0.93	0.94	0.93	0.93	6,650,000
Acesite Phils Hotel Corp.	8	8	6	6	4,000
Fairmont Holdings Inc.	0.75	0.75	0.74	0.74	100,000
Leisure & Resorts Corp.	1.42	1.44	1.4	1.4	1,774,000
Manila Jockey Club	3	3	3	3	120,000
Premiere Ent. Prod. Inc.	0.31	0.31	0.31	0.31	240,000
Philippine Racing Club	3.5	3.5	3	3	13,196,000
BONDS, PREFERRED & WARRANTS					
ABS-CBN Hldgs. Corp. (PDR)	13.5	13.75	13.25	13.5	796,500
PLDT (10% Pref) Series O	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	300
PLDT (10% Pref) Series P	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	600
PLDT (10% Pref) Series Q	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	100
PLDT (10% Pref) Series S	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	100
PLDT 10% Pref Series AA	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	5,600
OTHERS					
Centro Escolar University	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.4	32,000
Far Eastern University	515	515	515	515	890
PROPERTY					
Ayala Land Inc.	8.3	8.3	8.2	8.3	4,194,000
Cityland Development Corp.	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	104,000
Cebu Holdings Inc.	0.93	0.93	0.92	0.92	130,000
C & P Homes Inc.	0.24	0.24	0.24	0.24	150,000
Cyber Bay Corp.	0.28	0.28	0.28	0.28	640,000
Empire East Land Inc.	0.36	0.37	0.36	0.36	2,380,000
Filinvest Land Inc.	1.38	1.4	1.38	1.38	5,465,000
Fil-Estate Land Inc.	0.42	0.42	0.42	0.42	20,000
Robinsons Land Corp.	4.05	4.05	4.05	4.05	10,000
Phil Realty And Holdings	0.18	0.18	0.18	0.18	10,000
SM Prime Holdings Inc.	7.4	7.4	7.3	7.4	1,791,000
MINING					
Apex Mining Co. Inc. A	0.88	0.88	0.88	0.88	120,000
Apex Mining Co. Inc. B	0.91	0.91	0.91	0.91	10,000
Abra Mining & Industrial	0.0075	0.0075	0.0075	0.0075	32,000,000
Atlas Cons. Min & Dev't	5.7	5.8	5.5	5.6	635,000
Benguet Corp. A	8.1	8.1	7.5	7.5	37,000
Dizon Copper Silver Mines	2.08	2.08	2	2	145,000
Lepanto Cons Mng. Co. A	0.32	0.32	0.32	0.32	1,930,000
Lepanto Cons. Mng. Co B	0.33	0.33	0.33	0.33	7,930,000
Manila Mining Corp. B	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	2,600,000
Philex Mining Corp. A	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	330,000
Philex Mining Corp. B	0.93	0.93	0.92	0.92	760,000
Semirara Mining Corp.	27	28	26.5	28	817,900
United Paragon Mining Co.	0.27	0.27	0.27	0.27	680,000
OIL					
Oriental Pet. & Min. A	0.0075	0.0075	0.007	0.007	11,000,000
Oriental Pet. & Min. B	0.0075	0.008	0.0075	0.008	80,000,000
Petroenergy Res. Corp.	3.55	3.6	3.55	3.6	125,000
Sinophil Corp.	0.135	0.135	0.135	0.135	320,000
Vulcan Ind'l	0.36	0.38	0.36	0.38	790,000

DISCLOSURES

PHILIPPINE Estates Corp. will hold its annual stockholders' meeting on Sept. 23, 2:30 p.m. at the Top of the City, 34/F Citibank Tower, 8741 Paseo de Roxas, Makati City. The record date to determine stockholders who are entitled to vote is Sept. 1.

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ELECTED directors of **JG Summit Holdings Inc.** were John L. Gokongwei Jr., James L. Go, Lance Y. Gokongwei, Lily Ngochua, Patrick Henry C. Go, Johnson Robert G. Go, Jr., Ignacio O. Gotao, Gabriel C. Singson, Ricardo J. Romulo, Cornelio T. Peralta and Jose T. Pardo.

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ATN Holdings Inc. disclosed that it has subscribed to 3,000,000 common shares of new company Community and Family Insurance Brokers Inc., which will be registered at the SEC with total authorized capital stock of 10,000 shares and par value of P1.00 per share. ***Compiled by Erika A. Sarmiento, PDI Research***

CURRENCIES

August 19, 2005 Country	Unit	Euro Equivalent	Dollar Equivalent	Peso Equivalent
United States	Dollar	0.821085	1.000000	55.9180
Japan	Yen	0.007432	0.009051	0.5061
United Kingdom	Pound	1.473931	1.795100	100.3784
Hong Kong	Dollar	0.105682	0.128710	7.1972
Switzerland	Franc	0.646117	0.786906	44.0022
Canada	Dollar	0.673960	0.820816	45.8984
Singapore	Dollar	0.493174	0.600637	33.5864
Australia	Dollar	0.619173	0.754091	42.1673
Bahrain	Dinar*	2.178003	2.652590	148.3275
Saudi Arabia	Rial	0.218944	0.266652	14.9106
Brunei	Dollar	0.491697	0.598838	33.4858
Indonesia	Rupiah	0.000082	0.000100	0.0056
Thailand	Baht	0.019881	0.024213	1.3539
UAE	Dirham	0.223571	0.272287	15.2257
Euro	Euro	1.000000	1.217900	68.1025
Brazil	Real	0.348065	0.423908	23.7041
Denmark	Kroner	0.134123	0.163348	9.1341
India	Rupee	0.018871	0.022983	1.2852
Malaysia	Ringgit	0.217910	0.265393	14.8402
Mexico	New Peso	0.076722	0.093440	5.2250
New Zealand	Dollar	0.571388	0.695894	38.9130
South Africa	Rand	0.125876	0.153304	8.5725
Korea	Won	0.000803	0.000978	0.0547
Taiwan	Nt Dollar	0.025602	0.031181	1.7436

Shares close 0.65% lower

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nounced before the month ends.

The court froze the tax collection last month amid a legal challenge on the constitutionality of the statute, which aims to shore up the government's fragile revenue base.

The composite index shed 12.79 points to 1,966.33, its lowest finish since July 26, when it closed at 1,959.58. Turnover reached 328.9 million shares worth P693.7 million.

Losers led gainers 46 to 13, with 56 stocks unchanged. *AFP*

TOKYO SERVICES EXPO

RP firms closed ₱448M in IT contracts in Japan

By Ronnel W. Domingo

LOCAL firms closed deals worth $8 million or about P448 million during Japan's Sodec 2005 information technology services expo held in Tokyo last June, according to the Center for International Trade Expositions and Missions.

Trade officials said this meant that local firms have made their way into the Japanese IT market, especially in project management software solutions.

Trade Secretary Peter B. Favila said six companies benefited from the opportunities provided in the Software Development Expo and Conference as spending for IT services in Japan showed a steady growth rate of 7.3 percent.

"Philippine IT companies with their track record in building up the Philippines' e-services infrastructure are well placed to compete for software management projects in Japan," added Favila.

Estimates show that Japan's IT services market is expected to grow to $120 billion in 2008 from $120 billion in 2000.

Companies that took part in the expo included ADTX Systems Inc., Astra Philippines, N-Pax Cebu Corp., Pointwest Technologies, Tsukiden Software Philippines Inc. (TSPI), and We-Serv Systems International Inc.

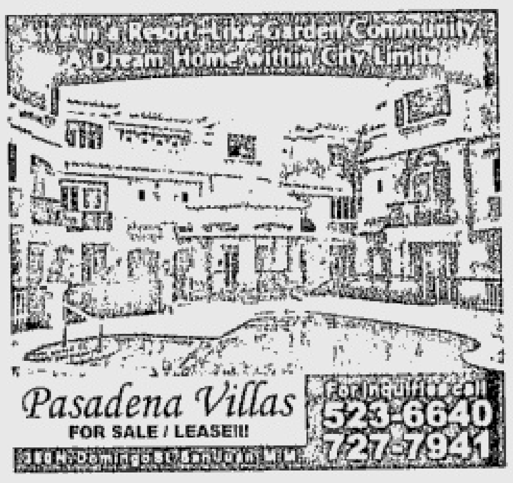
Other opportunities cited for Philippine companies exploring the Japanese market were project management solutions/systems integration, mobile applications, engineering design services, Web development, embedded systems, data warehousing, electronic manufacturing services and consulting.

In related developments, the Board of Investments said it had granted tax perks and other incentives to three business process outsourcing projects with a combined cost of P16.5 million.

The projects include Providence Solutions Corp.'s P2-million Web-based software solutions; United CADDTECH Philippines Inc.'s (UNICADD) P7-million architectural and engineering design and drafting services; and Magellan Solutions Outsourcing Inc.'s P7.5-million English language customer relationship management.

The projects would create a total of 482 new jobs.

Also, the BOI approved incentives for HWLabs Performance Systems' P5-million project for the manufacturing of water-cooled radiator for personal computers.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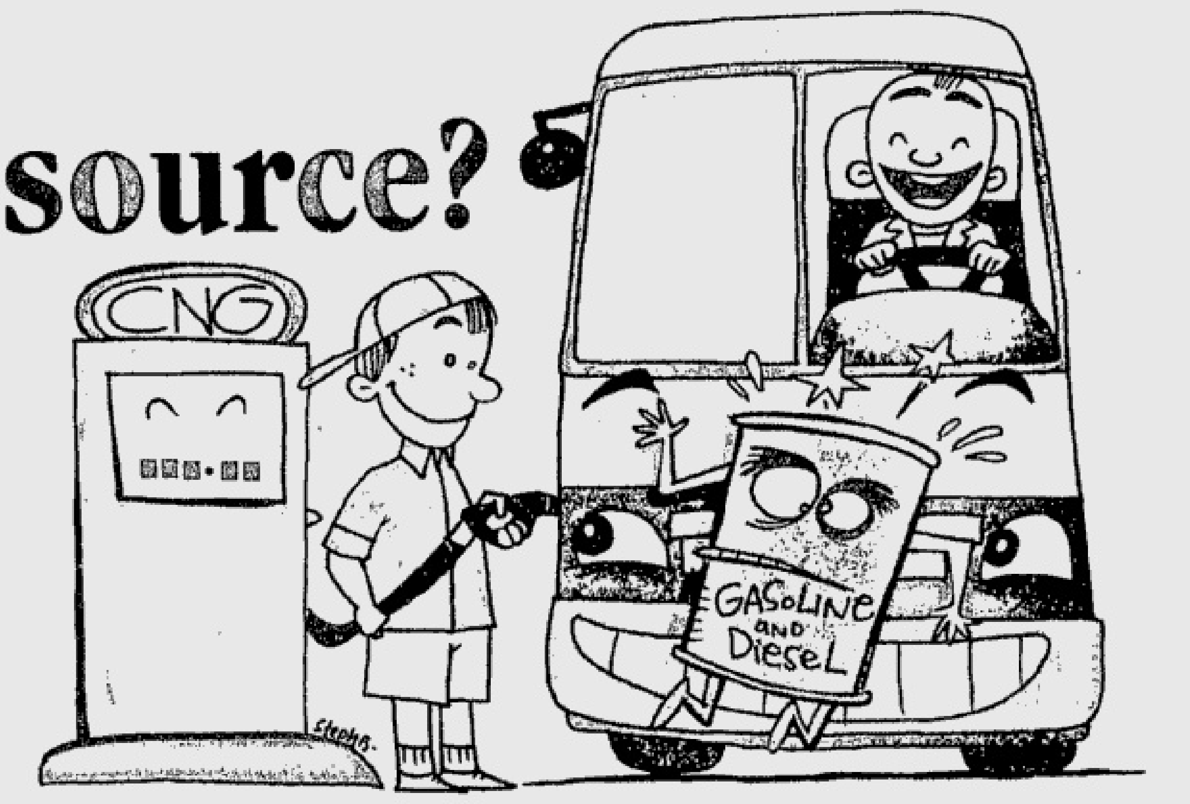

By Charles E. Buban

WITH oil prices going through the roof and nations across the globe having to deal with the problem of global warming, alternative fuels like compressed natural gas (CNG) are becoming a viable alternative to gasoline and diesel.

Early this month, Pilipinas Shell opened the country's first CNG mother refueling station in Tabangao, Batangas and its daughter refueling station on the South Luzon Expressway in Barangay Sto. Tomas, Biñan, Laguna.

"These facilities will pave the way for the commercial run of the initial fleet of 200 CNG-fueled bus that will arrive in the country between December 2005 and the first quarter of 2006," said Edgar Chua, chair of the Shell Companies in the Philippines.

The government had earlier said it hoped to have 2,000 CNG buses on major Metro Manila routes by 2010.

For Chua, the refueling station is an important component of the government's CNG for Public Transport Pilot Project, a component of the Natural Gas Vehicle Program for Public Transport program that President Macapagal-Arroyo launched in October 2001.

"The projects intend to promote the use of natural gas in the transport sector to help ensure fuel supply security and diversity as well as improve air quality," said Chua.

Cheap, abundant

CNG did not receive as much attention as other alternative fuel. Although natural gas (85 to 99 percent methane) is fossil fuel, it is comparably clean burning, cheap and abundant in many parts of the world.

"Because natural gas is mostly methane, natural gas vehicles...will produce much lower nitrous oxide, sulphur oxides and particulate matter emissions," said Chua.

These three have been blamed for the worsening air pollution worldwide as well as for global warming.

Chua said the natural gas will be sourced from the Malampaya Deep Water Gas project (operated by Shell) located 80 km off the coast of Palawan.

The $4.5-billion project is the largest industrial investment to date in the Philippines and marked the beginning of the country's natural gas industry.

It supplies clean, environment-friendly fuel that will provide 2,700 megawatts of power to Luzon for 20 years starting January 2002. This will meet 30 percent of Luzon's current power generation requirements.

Chua said the natural gas to be used for vehicles is compressed into cylinders at the CNG mother station and then transported to the daughter retail station.

Subsidized prices

The Malampaya Consortium (composed of Shell Philippines Exploration B.V., Chevron Texaco Malampaya LLC, and Philippine National Oil Co.-Exploration Corp.) and the Department of Energy have agreed to provide CNG at subsidized prices for this pilot project.

Chua said the price of CNG, which will be pegged at P14.52 per liter during the pilot phase of seven years, will be much more stable and could even get lower with more infrastructure development.

He said use of CNG buses will result in lower transport fares as CNG is cheaper than diesel.

"The use of CNG as a vehicle fuel in the country is one of the most logical steps to take in reducing dependence on imported oil. At present, the transport sector consumes about 53 percent of the total imported oil requirements," Chua said.

He said several countries have already embraced CNG use. Argentina, Pakistan, India, Egypt, the United States, Germany and Japan are among the countries that use CNG for transport.

Energy Secretary Raphael Lotilla said several bus companies have already placed orders for CNG-run buses: 80 units for HM Transport, 40 for KL CNG Bus Transport, 20 each for RRCG Transport System and Pascual Liner, 10 each for Greenstar Express and CNG Vehicles, and five for Biñan Bus Line.

"As a key player in the natural gas sector, we are committed to encourage the use of natural gas in vehicles. Shell has found success in developing CNG in other parts of the world and it is our intention to do the same here. The government has been supportive of this project, perhaps, not only because of its economic implications, but also because of its commitment to reduce air pollution," said Chua.

For the birds

DISCOVER

Massie Santos Ballon

IT SEEMS the news has literally gone to the birds these last few weeks. As a result, this week's column focuses on three birds that have been making headlines.

We begin with the story that has been discussed endlessly over the last two weeks. Three respected ornithologists have retracted a submission to the online journal PLoS Biology that challenged the claim by researchers in the journal Science last April that the Lord God bird wasn't really extinct.

The Lord God bird is distinctively large, with black wings tipped with white and a red head. Its name is apocryphally derived from exclamations of excited people who sighted it: "Lord God! What a bird!"

The Lord God bird was labeled extinct decades ago. But earlier this year, ornithologists and researchers from the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology in New York and The Nature Conservancy verified sightings of the ivory-billed woodpecker in Arkansas.

What stopped the challenge?

The Science team sent the PLoS team audio tapes from autonomous recording units scattered around the woods of Arkansas after sightings of the birds were reported. This was compared with authenticated audio tapes of the woodpeckers recorded several decades ago.

The challengers agreed that the distinctive call and "double-knock" made by the Lord God bird is evident on both sets of recordings. There is even a suggestion that there are two Lord God birds on one of the recent tapes, and the challengers have since pledged their support in the quest to find the woodpeckers.

Birds falling from sky

From the United States, we move across the world and closer to the South Pole. Last week, BBC reported that the wood pigeons of Whangarei, New Zealand were flying drunk and falling from the sky.

The kereru can measure up to 18 inches when fully grown, and having one of these plummet like a stone can only be something that should be observed with both awe and trepidation.

The endangered kereru love to eat berries. Sadly, the recent winter has deprived them of their usual diet and forced them to leave their forests for the nearby residential areas and the ripe guava berries located therein.

Unfortunately, the kereru are not blessed with a metabolism and speedy digestive system and the guava berries stay in the birds' digestive tract for so long that they ferment. And a bird on fermented berries is, to say the least, impaired.

The Whangarei Native Bird Recovery Centre's detox quarters has housed approximately 30 of the birds so far, and its employees continue to take calls about lethargic pigeons found on the side of the road.

Once the birds' digestive systems have had a chance to clear the guava berries out, the pigeons are returned near the spot where they were found, hopefully having learned to abstain from the fermented berries.

Feathers do the talking

The club-wing manakin of the Andes Mountains in Central America was one of the noisemakers in the July 29 issue of Science.

Unlike most birds that express themselves in song, this tiny bird lets its feathers do the talking when it comes to finding a mate. The male manakin has specially adapted feathers that produce come-hither sounds for the females to (hopefully) swoon over.

Kimberly Bostwick, a curator in the birds and mammals division of Cornell's Museum of Vertebrates, has been studying these birds for several years and answers the question Charles Darwin couldn't: how the manakins make the sounds.

She found that one of the secondary feathers on each wing of the manakin is shaped like a pick, and the feather adjacent to it is heavily ridged and has a hollow shaft. When the bird is perched on a tree and starts flapping his wings at high speeds, the secondary feathers with the pick and ridges create distinctive hums and percussive ticks and tings so infectious, they put the human performers of "Stomp! The Musical" to shame.

Given that the manakin's music can be heard for several meters, the tiny bird proves that while it may not be as large as the Lord God bird or the kereru, it leaves an impression just as memorable as its larger fellow avians.

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Suicide cases increase in Western Pacific region

THE LACK of connectedness permeating modern life is increasing suicide rates worldwide, the World Health Organization warned last Monday.

Suicide is now on the rise in the Western Pacific region—notably in Fiji, Japan, South Korea and the Marshall Islands—where it has become one of the leading causes of death, the WHO regional office based in Manila said.

The WHO noted the region's suicide rate of 19.3 deaths per 100,000 people was higher than the global estimate of 14 per 100,000. In 2000, death by suicide was the leading cause of death by injury in the region, outpacing traffic accidents, falls and other causes.

In 2002, there were some 331,000 suicides in the region, accounting for 38 percent of the world's total.

Today, suicide is among the top 10 causes of death in some countries in the region.

Tragic health problem

Alarmed by the rising rate, WHO Western Pacific director Shigeru Omi urged nations to implement national suicide prevention programs.

"Suicide is a tragic global health problem, but it is largely preventable," Omi said. "We need to revitalize our communities so that the connectedness people once felt in their communities, workplaces and even families can be restored."

The WHO said suicidal behavior can be traced to complex underlying causes, including poverty, unemployment, loss of loved ones, breakdowns in relationships, and work-related problems.

Other factors include a family history of suicide and alcohol and drug abuse, abuse during childhood, social isolation, and some mental disorders.

Omi said high self-esteem and social connectedness are proven protective factors against suicide. Assistance includes easy access to help hot lines, telephone checkup programs for the elderly and early identification and appropriate treatment of mental disorders.

Other preventive strategies include:

- Early identification and appropriate treatment of mental disorders
- Educating primary health care personnel in the identification and treatment of people with mood disorders
- Psychosocial interventions, suicide prevention centers and school-based prevention programs.

However, the stigma associated with suicide and mental health problems are major barriers to prevention.

"We all need to examine our beliefs, as well as our insensitivities with regard to mental illness and suicide," Omi said.

WHO estimates there are 10 to 20 times more failed suicide attempts than deaths, resulting in injury, hospitalization, and emotional and mental trauma.

AP, WHO

Teen depression and suicide

By Rafael R. Castillo, MD

(First of two parts)

MEDICAL FILES

DR. ASUNCION Reloza, a renowned pediatric heart specialist practicing at the Makati Medical Center, is not only an expert on physical heart problems of children and adolescents. She also knows what's bothering their heart and mind, and the tragedy that lurks if this is not recognized promptly.

In her column in the Health & Lifestyle magazine, she expressed concern on the increasing incidence of adolescent depression and suicide. It's sometimes a mystery what drives many young people to attempt at taking their own lives even when everything seems to be going their way.

Reloza cited the example of a beautiful 16-year-old, who belongs to an upper class family, who studies in an exclusive school, and who has above average grades. She has many friends and admirers. Her family is conservative and religious.

One day, she was brought to the emergency room, after she took an overdose of a medical cocktail she prepared at home. This was not her first attempt at suicide.

"Many second-time suicide attempts are successful," Reloza warned. "One-third of all attempted suicides are completed, meaning the subject is successful in ending his/her own life. The rest would try at least more than once."

Transient feelings

Occasional melancholy, bad moods and short periods of feeling down are common in adolescence. These are only transient feelings and should not be a cause for alarm.

Major depression is present when it limits an adolescent's ability to function normally.

Depression in teenagers is characterized by a persistent sad mood, irritability, feelings of hopelessness or the inability to feel pleasure or happiness for an extended period of time—weeks, months or years.

Early symptoms of adolescent depression can be difficult to diagnose because they appear to be a normal part of the difficulties of growing up. Depression may be indicated if an adolescent experiences an unusual degree of the following symptoms:

- Changes in eating and sleeping habits (eating and sleeping too much or too little)
- Significant weight gain or loss
- Missed school, poor school performance and/or a sudden decline in grades
- Withdrawal from friends and family
- Failure to enjoy activities that were once pleasurable
- Indecision, lack of concentration or forgetfulness
- Feelings of worthlessness or guilt
- Overreaction to criticism, irritability
- Feeling that nothing is worth the effort
- Frequent health complaints when no physical ailment exists
- Anger, rage, anxiety
- Lack of enthusiasm and motivation
- Drug/alcohol abuse, thoughts of death or suicide

"Telltale signs are present in unexplained mood changes, depressive songs and manner of dressing, and choice of reading materials or even language," Reloza said.

Suspicion index

To detect if a teenager is suicidal, a high index of suspicion is required. It is better to err on the side of over-reacting than to do nothing at all.

Symptoms such as insomnia, panic attacks, delusions or hallucinations can indicate extreme depression, with particular risk for suicide.

Expert care is a prerequisite to cure.

The family background of teenage suicide victims is interesting. According to Reloza, a number come from either average or well-to-do families whose parents have high expectations from them.

"Most are obedient children who want to please their parents. Sanctions for rule infractions at their homes vary but physical punishment has been often mentioned. Nearly all do well academically. Generally, they are very close to their parents. Some of them have acted as surrogate parents to their siblings" she said.

Risk factors

There are several high-risk factors associated with teen suicide:

- Previous suicidal behavior
- History of psychiatric disorder or substance abuse
- Family history of suicide, psychiatric disorder or substance abuse
- Loss of parent through any means
- History of abuse, violence or neglect
- Social isolation/alienation, including because of being gay or being bullied.

Hoarseness can be a sign of cancer

By Tessa R. Salazar

DO NOT take your unusually hoarse voice for granted. This could be the first sign of cancer of the "voice box," or larynx.

Officers of the Philippine Society of Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery (PSOHNS) advised the public to consult an ear, nose and throat (ENT) specialist if they have persistent hoarseness—a term used to describe abnormal changes of the voice—for two weeks or more.

In a press conference last Tuesday, they said people should visit an otolaryngologist (ENT) if the hoarseness is accompanied with difficulty in swallowing, breathing or coughing with blood, if they have a lump on the neck and if they have persistent pain in the throat.

Increasing cases in call centers

The doctors noted that many people tend to abuse their larynxes. They particularly cited the increasing cases of hoarseness among people employed in call centers.

"We receive a lot of patients from call centers. Why? They use their voice continuously. They lack sleep and drink coffee, which causes dehydration. A dehydrated throat causes irritation. A dry throat causes pain. And that's a problem," said Dr. Gil Vicente, PSOHNS vice president.

Vicente, who is chief of the rhinology section of St. Luke's Medical Center and Jose Reyes Memorial Medical Center, said call center employees, even when they already have a hoarse voice, force themselves to talk, and this worsens the condition.

1,700 cases annually

But Vicente was quick to stress that a hoarse voice doesn't necessarily result in cancer. It is just one of the signs of laryngeal cancer.

The sad fact, however, is that, according to the doctors in the press conference, there are an estimated 1,723 new cases of laryngeal cancer each year, of which 1,053 would die.

Dr. Felix Nolasco, PSOHNS president, warned that if the symptoms are taken for granted, a lot of people may lose their chances of getting cured.

"The statistics [on laryngeal cancer] may not be that high, but people should be aware of the importance of early detection," he said.

Vicente said smokers increased their risk of laryngeal cancer by as much as four times compared to nonsmokers.

Smokers who are also drinkers increased their risk 16 times more than nonsmokers and nondrinkers.

The doctors warned that even passive, or secondhand, smokers could increase their risk of contracting laryngeal cancer.

Laryngeal cancer ranks 10th among cancer cases. Lung, breast and cervical cancers top the list.

Treatment

To treat hoarseness, the doctors advised patients to:

- Stop smoking and drinking coffee, tea, chocolate, carbonated drinks or milk as they dry up the throat
- Avoid eating acidic, spicy, and fatty food, and tomato and tomato paste-based food such as spaghetti, pizza, or catsup because these irritate the throat.
- Drink as much as two liters of water (approximately 10 glasses) every day to lubricate the throat.

They suggested that employees in call centers, or in any job where the voice is mainly used, consult speech pathologists and voice teachers to help manage and optimize the use of their voice.

Of tsunamis, entrepreneurs and forensics

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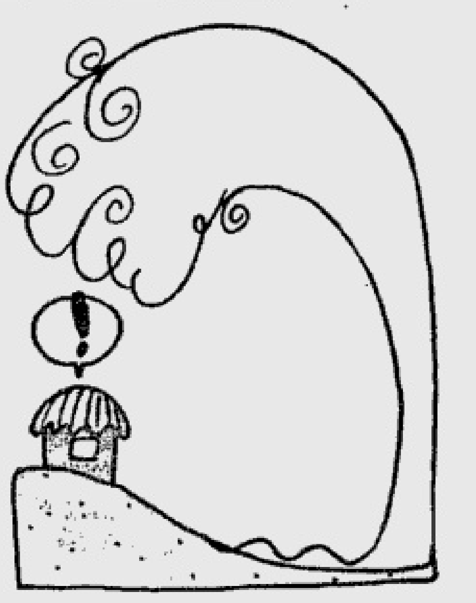

DESPITE the recent political, economic and weather crises, there is welcome news from the science front, as reported by the DOST Science and Technology Information Institute (STII).

Last July at the Finnish embassy, Phivolcs director Renato Solidum Jr. and Finn ambassador Riita Resch formalized an agreement to establish a P2.2-million tsunami early warning system for coastal communities in Metro Manila. Sensors will be placed on or near potential tsunami zones and will be linked to the Phivolcs in Quezon City. The Indian Ocean tsunami disaster spurred this agreement, since the coastal towns of our city are not within the coverage of the Pacific and the Northwest Pacific Tsunami Warning Centers.

According to researcher Celestino S. Saquilon, "After the system is installed and tested for reliability, Phivolcs will hold a stakeholders training seminar to train them on proper responses during emergencies. Tsunami hazard maps indicating the shortest possible routes to safe grounds will also be provided to local officials. The maps will be the basis in formulating tsunami evacuation plans."

Center for entrepreneurs

Bulacan entrepreneurs, numbering almost 40,000, can rejoice. A packaging research and development center, especially geared for small enterprises, has been established.

According to Gov. Josefina dela Cruz, Bulacan is the first local government unit to have such a facility, with P10 million set up to make it a reality.

The center hopes to enable small businesses to penetrate larger markets here and abroad, and of course, to create more jobs in the process. De la Cruz also reports that 31 products have been launched under the "Tatak Bulakenyo Program," with 100 more currently under evaluation.

STII head Vicky Bartilet says, "The provincial government has provided computers and relevant training programs for teachers and students in all public high schools. In agriculture, it continues to introduce modern farming technologies to optimize Bulacan's remaining 27-hectare agricultural land."

All these efforts are done to ensure not only bountiful harvests, but to train farmers to become agriculture entrepreneurs.

Forensic DNA technology

Our last bit of good news is the most exciting. STII's Jowi A. Carteciano and Rodel G. Ofemaria describe two local "CSI" scenes: "Around 10 a.m. on July 11, 1999, a fisherman and three barangay officers retrieved the bloated body of a 9-year-old girl from a mud-spattered river in Rosario, Cavite. The body, in early stage of decomposition, was taken to a nearby funeral home for autopsy. The autopsy report indicated the girl was raped and strangled to death. [There were] three fresh vaginal lacerations, and broken tracheal or neck bones snapped what could have been a full life ahead.

"With the cadaver's condition and its haphazard transfer from one place to another, retrieval of primary evidence such as the assailant's fingerprints, was no longer feasible. Only fluids and blood clots in the victim's genitals held hope in tracking and nailing the perpetrator of the grisly rape with homicide."

Another scenario: "Eleven years earlier, a man went to prison [for] rape...on March 31, 1991. The rape supposedly led to pregnancy. Fingerprints and analyses of bodily fluids were [were of no use] as evidence since the complaint was filed 10 months after the commission of [the crime]... [E]vidence was purely based on verbal information from the alleged victim and her mother, who was the prime witness. The defense would later rely on parentage analyses of the child, one of the first cases to involve cutting edge gene-level science in a local court."

Fingerprint technology, widely used around the world for the past 80 years, was used in both cases to no avail. This time a more modern technology, forensic DNA technology, proved more successful than either fingerprint or blood typing.

DNA profile

Our body has billions of cells. The nucleus of each cell has 46 tiny compartments or chromosomes, within which lie pairs of DNA molecules. Our more than three billion DNA pairs carry genes transferred from parents to children, and these genes can often determine how we look or behave. Our genome also makes us unique from other people (and other species), which makes genetic technology so useful in civil or criminal cases. Only identical twins have the same DNA profile.

According to Dr. Corazon A. De-Ungria, chief of the DNA analysis laboratory at the University of the Philippines Natural Sciences Research Institute (NSRI), a tiny amount of substance from any part of one's body (such as semen, blood, hair roots, saliva or skin cells from the mouth and bone) is enough to obtain a DNA profile. Fans of the TV show "CSI" know that analysis of DNA uses computers with bar codes.

DNA technology is 99.99 percent accurate, according to Dr. Idabel Pagulayan, chief of the NBI's forensic chemistry division.

In the two cases cited, the rapist landed in Death Row in 2002, as his DNA profile matched that of the semen found in the girl's genitalia. The other alleged rapist was proven innocent in 1999, since his DNA prints and that of his supposed victim did not match.

Four DNA testing laboratories exist in the country: at the NBI, Philippine National Police, St. Luke's Medical Center Institute of Pathology and DNA Analysis Laboratory, and UP-NSRI in Diliman.

The NBI and PNP focus on criminal and civil cases; SMLC only accepts paternity cases for private clients; and UP-NRSI undertakes research, training, and tests for civil and criminal cases.

Blood pressure control key to preventing secondary stroke

STROKE kills five million out of an estimated 20 million sufferers around the world every year. In the Philippines, there are about 500 cases of stroke reported annually for every 100,000 people. On the other hand, there are about 400,000 Filipinos who have survived their first stroke and fear a more fatal second attack.

An international multicenter study called Perindopril Protection Against Recurrent Stroke Study (Progress) revealed that lowering blood pressure (BP)—even among those with normal BP—reduces the occurrence of a second stroke by as much as 37 percent among Asian sufferers.

In this study, patients who were given the Perindopril (Coversyl) based treatment were found to lessen their chances of developing a hemorrhagic stroke by 50 percent, myocardial infarction (heart attack) or cardiac arrest by 38 percent and other cardiovascular events by 26 percent. The risk of developing serious stroke-induced complications such as disability and dementia were likewise diminished.

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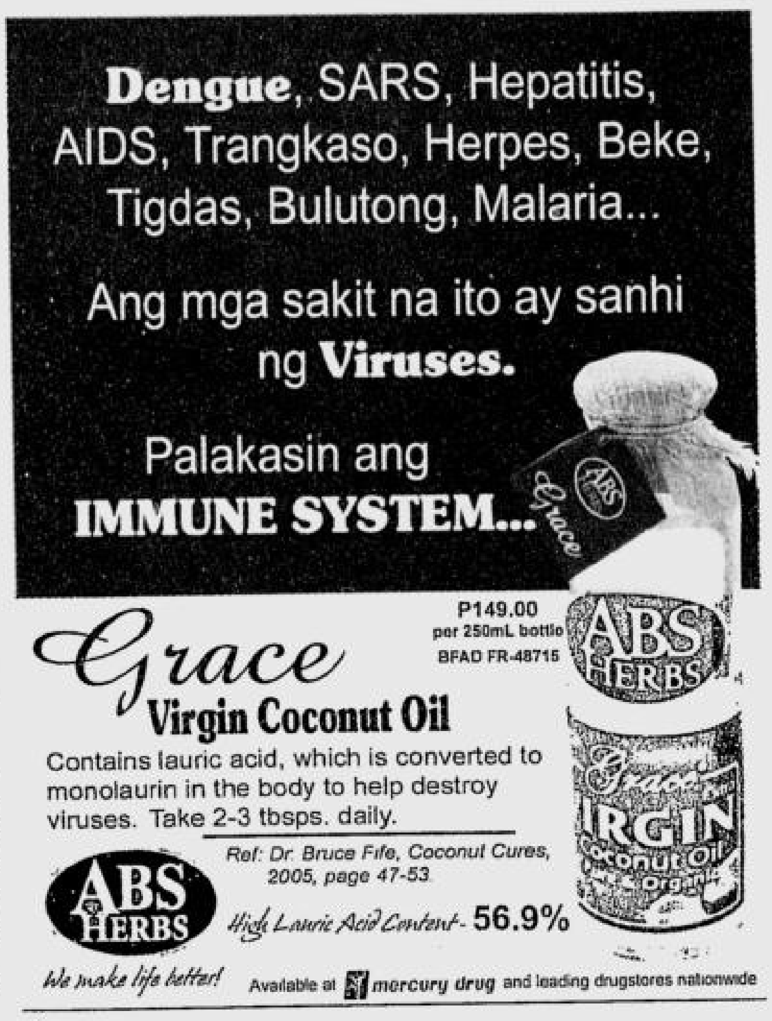

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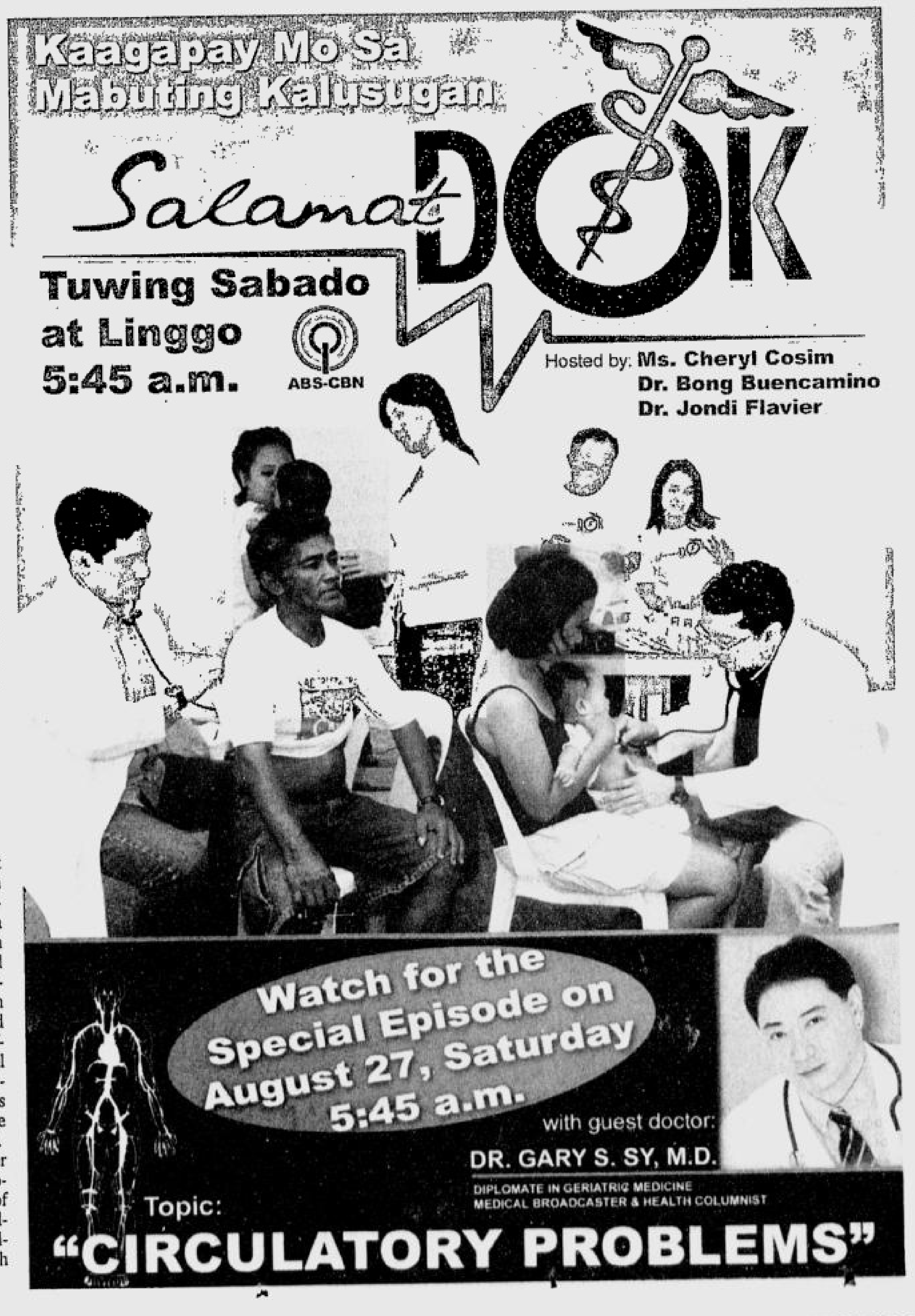

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Insulation as key to energy efficiency

HOMEOWNERS nowadays are more inclined to focus more on designing their homes and choosing the right pieces of furniture and appliances. Often overlooked is the important process of insulation.

Insulation serves as a thermally resistant barrier, which inhibits the migration of thermal energy into and out of the house. In simple terms: insulation blocks heat from entering the house in the summer and holds heat inside during colder weather. The result is a cooler house in the summer, a warmer home during the cold season and lower energy bills.

During the summer the suns powerful rays radiate down onto our homes, the walls heat up and the temperature can rise to nearly 82 degrees Celsius. This heat enters the home and causes things to become quite uncomfortable. You then have two choices, crank up the air conditioning and wait for your very expensive electric bill to arrive, or suffer with the heat.

By turning on your air conditioning you essentially pump heat of your home, but often the air conditioning can only keep up with the heat entering the house. Homeowners often complain of an air conditioning system that runs all day and never cools the house below 26 degrees Celsius, this is a typical of a poorly insulated home. The solution is to reduce the heat coming into the home to start with by insulating your home so it stays cooler.

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INQUIRER VP for marketing and current president of the Philippine Marketing Association Donald Lim stresses a point during his presentation about 'Marketing Convergence' to hundreds of students inside the PCU auditorium.

INQUIRER SVP for sales and marketing Rene Reinoso inducts the 2005-2006 officers of the PCU Junior Marketing Association led by PCUJMA president Paolo Pietro Baron (2nd from left in coat and tie) during the general assembly of the association held recently.

THE NEWLY inducted officers of the PCU Junior Marketing Association are joined by Inquirer SVP for sales and marketing Rene Reinoso (extreme right) and Inquirer VP for marketing Donald Lim (extreme left). In photo are (from left, standing, 2nd row) Dr. Troadio Carolino; PCUJMA president Paolo Pietro Baron; consultant Paul Sombrero; VP-external Gerald Sagun; treasurer Arvin Ministerio; auditor Philip John Cedilla and Jezreel Bautista; (standing, front row, from left) VP-internal Ma. Sheen Padilla; programs head Karen Basada; PRO-internal Maritess Pineda and professor Sandra Navarro.

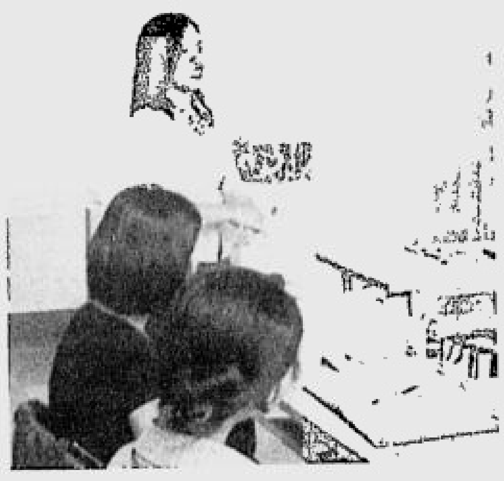
HUNDREDS of students being inducted as members of the PCU Junior Marketing Association.

PHOTOS BY RYAN LIM

BPI FAMILY SAVINGS BANK VALUES IT'S ELITE BROKERS CIRCLE

Not many banks have an exclusive club of top performers from its pool of accredited brokers. BPI Family Savings Bank maintains this exclusive club, dubbed as the Elite Brokers Circle, which is composed of the top brokers which are ranked according to the amount of successful housing loan referrals they bring in. One of the privileges the members of the Elite Brokers Circle enjoy is an exclusive lunch with BPI Family Savings Bank president Alfonso Salcedo Jr. Referred to as the President's Treat, top brokers Don Rivera, Noelle Palma, Lita Valdez, Leonila Samson, Emilia Robles, Richard John Manuel and Hanna Sanchez enjoyed a sumptuous Japanese lunch last July 15 at Wasabi Restaurant located along Makati Avenue. The valued brokers were likewise presented with gift items. Shown in photo are (from left): top brokers Don Rivera, Noelle Palma, Lita Valdez, Leonila Samson, Emilia Robles and Hanna Sanchez. They are joined by (standing, from left) AVP Ruel Magtoto, SVP Lourdes Claravall BPI Family Savings Bank president Alfonso Salcedo Jr., top broker Richard John Manuel and SVP Albert Pascual.

WHIRLPOOL HOLDS 'LAUNDRY BUSINESS MADE EASY' SEMINAR



Whirlpool recently held a seminar entitled 'The Laundry Business Made Easy' to assist interested entrepreneurs to start an effective and profitable laundry business. During the seminar participants were taught about such details as what machines, detergents and other elements to use and were introduced to the various suppliers of laundry equipment, detergents and dry cleaning solvents as well as the details of business financing. The participants were also able to listen to first-hand testimonies of laundry shop operators. Shown in photo is Nina Coronado, financing consultant of PS Bank tackling the financing side of starting a laundry business.

MANELS LEATHERGOODS SIGN UP WITH PLDT GLOBAL

Manels Leathergoods Corp recently signed up with PLDT Global Corp, a 100 percent subsidiary of Philippine Long Distance Telephone Company (PLDT) providing Filipinos living offshore and business communities in foreign lands the advantage of utilizing PLDT Global's international network, through a secure web portal. Shown in photo are (from left) Manuel M. Siggaoat, chair of Manels Leathergoods and Mario A. Lanuza, general manager of PLDT Online Inc.

PICAF ALL STARS, THE CREW OFF TO WORLD HIPHOP 2005

The Philippine International Competitive Aerobics Federation or Picaf is sending its Hiphop contingent to the 4th World Hiphop Championship. Event will be at the Manhattan Beach Marriott Hotel in Anaheim California from Aug. 18 to 21. The two groups namely the Champion 'All Stars' team of 12 and the first runner up 'The Crew' team of 8 won against other 10 finalists in the national open championship, that was held in Rizal Memorial last July 17. Gold's Gym Bodyshop, The Philippine Sports Commission and Gold's Gym sponsored the National Championship On [illegible] delegation and Picaf board of director Ley Fernandez with national coach Jungee Marcelo are proud to bring a team that are composed of the best of the best in the Philippine Hiphop setting.

Clips

P&A holds seminar

PUNONGBAYAN & Araullo, a leading professional services firm and member of the prestigious Grant Thornton Int'l, is holding a two-day seminar: "Professionalizing The Family Business The Right Way" to provide the participants with special tools for managing the family business including the basic framework for successful professionalization. It is slated on Aug. 25 to 26 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Asian Institute of Management Conference Center, Makati City. The seminar offers important entrepreneurship skills including techniques for internal controls, forensic and fraud audit, lessons on successful strategies, as well as the nuances of a Pinoy family business, genograms, family creeds and other essentials. For inquiries, interested parties may call (632)842-7148 or 59 or e-mail henry@cgbp.org.

CAT Program slated

THE 4TH Certified Accounting Technician (CAT) Program, an intensive bookkeeping seminar in preparation for the CAT certification will be held on Sept. 3 to Oct. 1, at the City Garden Hotel. For five (5) Saturdays, participants will have the chance to develop a strong base of technical accounting knowledge and skills; analytical, organizational and interpersonal skills; and professional values essential for coping with the day-to-day demands of a competitive business environment. The CAT Program is a globally recognized course of the Institute of Certified Management Accountants (ICMA) of Australia. Passing the CAT examination can lead to two certification titles: a) Certified Accounting Technician (CAT) from the ICMA of Australia; b) Certified Bookkeeper (CB) from the Institute of Certified Bookkeeper of United Kingdom, the largest bookkeeping institute in the world. Available slots are limited. For more details, call Competitive Edge at 637-8450/806-7273 or e-mail at meldyp@competitivedge-inc.com.

Tornos joins PDMAEC 2005

TORNOS, the world leading manufacturer of Swiss type automatic lathes and multispindle lathes for workpieces joins PDMAEC 2005 - the 2nd Philippine Die and Mold Machine Tools, Sheet Metals, Metalworking Machinery, Hardware, Equipment, Accessories and other related Products and Services Exhibition and Conference to be held from Aug. 25 to 28 at the World Trade Center Metro Manila. The company offers solutions for middle to complex parts - complete - in one setup, for the automotive, electronic, medical, watch making and other precision parts applications. For inquiry about PDMAEC 2005, contact MAI Management Phils, at 898-2198/890-1087 or e-mail at mai_mgt@compass.com.ph.

One million thanks to you!

CITIBANK, NISSAN TIE-UP FOR PROMO

In celebration of its 103rd anniversary, the country's largest foreign bank is launching a major promotion to show its appreciation to new and existing customers. Dubbed the 'One Million Thanks To You', Citibank will be giving away lifestyle rewards to retail banking customers, headlined by a 4x4 Nissan Patrol SUV as grand prize. Citibank's retail branch banking director Ailene Litonjua (2nd from right) and vice president for sales Ofie Nuñez (rightmost) are joined in the photo by Universal Motors Corporation's (UMC) SVP for finance Rodrigo Janeo and SVP for marketing Elizabeth Lee. UMC is the authorized distributor of Nissan Patrol in the country. Existing and new Citibank clients can earn raffle chances for a range of banking transactions including balances in checking and savings account, maintaining time deposits and other investments, availing of Cash-Secured Line, as well as banking online at www.citibank.com.ph. To join, primary accountholders must complete the Thank You Raffle Registration form and submit to their account officers. The promotion will run from Aug. 1 to Oct. 31 and draw date is set for Nov. 15.

METROBANK WINS TWO GOLD AWARDS

Metrobank Card Corp recently won two Gold Awards for marketing excellence in the recent MasterCard Asia/Pacific Marketing Leadership Awards 2005. The Metrobank Platinum MasterCard card program won for Best Platinum Marketing, while the 'M Here' Usage and Awareness Campaign won for Best Program Launch. Metrobank Card Corp is one of three other MasterCard member financial institutions that have brought distinction to the Philippines for winning the most number of Gold Awards in the annual awarding event. Now on its fifth year, the MasterCard Marketing Leadership Awards 2005 recognizes the MasterCard member customer financial institutions in 13 markets in Asia/Pacific that have excelled in implementing their MasterCard-exclusive marketing programs. Shown in photo are Metrobank Card Corp executives Peter Schiesser, (extreme left) adviser; Anne Young, (4th from left) president; and Aloy Alday (center), first vice president for marketing; with MasterCard executives Ajay Bhalla (extreme right), senior vice president and general manager, Southeast Asia, and Jose Rene Villa-Real (2nd from left), vice president and country manager, Philippines.

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FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS

FISCAL YEAR 2004

BALANCE SHEET

The Consolidated Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2004 of Local Governments (75 provinces, 117 cities and 1,419 municipalities), excluding barangays showed assets of ₱351.5 billion, liabilities and deferred credits of ₱84.7 billion and equity of ₱266.7 billion.

1.0 ASSETS – ₱351.5 billion

Compared to last year's level of ₱331 billion, total assets of ₱351.5 billion at year-end posted an increase of ₱20.5 billion or 6.2 percent of which ₱19.1 billion was on Property, Plant and Equipment.

Top Ten Provinces, Cities and Municipalities Based on Current Assets
(in million pesos)

Provinces	Amount	Cities	Amount	Municipalities	Amount
Cebu	1,253.2	Quezon	6,454.1	San Juan, Metro Manila	529.7
Zamboanga del Norte	941.9	Manila	3,584.8	Biñan, Laguna	399.4
Negros Occidental	899.7	Pasig	2,636.8	Pagbilao, Quezon	378.6
Laguna	830.5	Makati	2,349.6	Sto. Tomas, Batangas	301.4
Iloilo	769.7	Cebu	1,614.6	Mariveles, Bataan	298.6
Quezon	701.5	Parañaque	1,436.0	Bauang, La Union	264.4
Negros Oriental	677.4	Olongapo	1,257.9	Mauban, Quezon	262.9
Rizal	673.0	Pasay	1,239.4	Rosario, Cavite	227.2
Batangas	628.0	Taguig	1,231.8	Valencia, Negros Oriental	192.2
Bukidnon	528.3	Zamboanga	1,215.0	Dasmariñas Cavite	171.8

LGUs with Substantial Amount of Cash in Bank
(in million pesos)

Provinces	Amount	Cities	Amount	Municipalities	Amount
Cebu	1,035.3	Quezon	3,444.0	San Juan, Metro Manila	437.4
Zamboanga del Norte	872.8	Pasig	2,392.6	Sto. Tomas, Batangas	222.0
Quezon	662.4	Makati	2,014.9	Biñan, Laguna	213.9
Negros Oriental	551.5	Manila	1,414.1	Rosario, Cavite	190.9
Laguna	530.8	Zamboanga	1,114.2	Valencia, Negros Oriental	180.2
Negros Occidental	503.6	Cebu	940.9	Dasmariñas, Cavite	159.0
Batangas	461.6	Baguio	829.0	Navotas, Metro Manila	128.0
Rizal	455.8	Malaybalay	644.7	Cainta, Rizal	109.0
Misamis Occidental	434.9	General Santos	615.0	Pagbilao, Quezon	100.0
Iloilo	402.3	Lapu-lapu	577.8	Bacoor, Cavite	73.0

Cash accounts at ₱57 billion constitute 62.3 percent of the total Current Assets broken down as follows: Cash in Bank – ₱53.3 billion and Cash on Hand – ₱3.6 billion.

2.0 LIABILITIES AND DEFERRED CREDITS – ₱84.7 billion

Total liabilities at yearend hit the ₱70.8 billion level, showing a growth of ₱3.4 billion or 5.1 percent over last year's ₱67.4 billion.

Top Ten Provinces, Cities and Municipalities based on Total Liabilities
(in million pesos)

Provinces	Amount	Cities	Amount	Municipalities	Amount
Palawan	924.2	Cebu	3,856.9	San Juan, Metro Manila	617.1
Nueva Ecija	791.1	Manila	3,408.1	Navotas, Metro Manila	235.9
Negros Occidental	697.5	Makati	3,173.6	Meycauayan, Bulacan	227.0
Isabela	691.2	Quezon	1,882.7	San Pedro, Laguna	147.0
Ilocos Sur	567.7	Caloocan	1,764.7	Bacoor, Cavite	147.0
Lanao del Norte	560.0	Pasay	1,242.9	Rodriguez, Rizal	134.9
Batangas	508.7	Cagayan de Oro	1,010.8	Imus, Cavite	133.6
Rizal	501.2	Mandaluyong	959.7	Mabalacat, Pampanga	112.5
Bulacan	487.8	Puerto Princesa	947.2	Cainta, Rizal	104.3
Cebu	461.6	Paranaque	892.5	Norzagaray, Bulacan	102.2

Deferred Credits of ₱14 billion posted a growth of ₱2.5 billion or 21.8 percent over the 2003 level of ₱11.5 billion. It consist mainly of Deferred Real Property/Special Education Tax Income – ₱11.2 billion, and Other Deferred Credits – ₱2.7 billion.

3.0 EQUITY – ₱266.7 billion

From the balance of ₱252.2 billion in 2003, Equity grew by ₱14.6 billion or 5.8 percent at year end. The increase was brought about by the net income realized during the year amounting to ₱29.8 billion and an adjustment made in the beginning balance of the account amounting to ₱275.5 million. However, it was partly reduced by adjustments of ₱2.3 billion prior year's transactions and the transfer of Public Infrastructure worth ₱13 billion and Reforestation Projects of ₱70.1 million to their respective registries.

Top Ten Provinces, Cities and Municipalities based on their Equity
(in million pesos)

Provinces	Amount	Cities	Amount	Municipalities	Amount
Cebu	5,088.6	Manila	16,494.4	Cainta, Rizal	1,220.5
Rizal	2,634.3	Makati	16,327.4	San Juan, Metro Manila	1,098.4
Laguna	2,594.7	Quezon	15,244.6	Biñan, Laguna	830.1
Ilocos Sur	2,130.1	Pasig	8,139.6	Cabuyao, Laguna	698.2
Tarlac	2,118.7	Cebu City	3,733.8	Bacoor, Cavite	429.2
Negros Occidental	2,039.1	Zamboanga, City	3,270.4	Sto. Tomas, Batangas	412.4
Cavite	1,822.5	Davao, City	2,958.9	Mauban, Quezon	406.1
Bulacan	1,742.4	Caloocan	2,939.5	Dasmariñas, Cavite	398.4
Quezon	1,496.7	Pasay	2,365.7	Navotas, Metro Manila	381.5
Negros Oriental	1,419.7	Marikina	2,336.5	Bauan, Batangas	360.7

Financial Statements of 4 Provinces, 2 Cities and 94 Municipalities were not included due to its failure to submit the statement as of cut-off date.

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES

In 2004, the Local Government Units (LGU) financial operation shows total income amounting to ₱173.5 billion, total expenses of ₱143.7 billion and net income of ₱29.8 billion.

1.0 INCOME– ₱173.5 billion

The generated income for the year amounting to ₱173.5 billion slightly decline by ₱1.3 billion or 0.8 percent compared to the 2003 level of ₱174.8 billion. The list of 10 LGUs which generated the highest, the median and the lowest gross income for the year are shown below.

LGUs which Generated the Highest, Median and Lowest Gross Income
(in million pesos)

Provinces	Amount	Cities	Amount	Municipalities	Amount
Highest					
Laguna	1,367.3	Quezon	6,505.3	San Juan, Metro Manila	565.6
Bulacan	1,335.3	Manila	6,208.5	Biñan, Laguna	499.8
Cebu	1,255.7	Makati	6,150.2	Cabuyao, Laguna	443.3
Negros Occidental	1,146.1	Pasig	2,937.5	Cainta, Rizal	392.3
Cavite	1,137.9	Davao	2,258.5	Dasmariñas, Cavite	374.8
Pangasinan	1,076.2	Cebu	1,842.0	Rosario, Cavite	373.6
Rizal	1,071.9	Caloocan	1,703.7	Bacoor, Cavite	318.8
Batangas	1,038.7	Parañaque	1,590.1	Navotas, Metro Manila	280.5
Quezon	1,008.5	Mandaluyong	1,428.2	General Trias, Cavite	276.5
Iloilo	903.7	Pasay	1,321.8	Bauan, Batangas	268.8
Median					
Capiz	476.5	Cadiz	322.2	Sta. Ana, Pampanga	33.5
South Cotabato	469.4	Bago	318.9	Quezon, Isabela	33.5
Davao del Sur	452.3	Legaspi	318.4	Polillo, Quezon	33.5
Samar	449.0	Sagay	314.0	Sto. Tomas, La Union	33.5
Masbate	445.3	Pagadian	311.5	Boston, Davao Oriental	33.4
Oriental Mindoro	441.7	Gingoog	309.8	Bugasong, Antique	33.4
Ilocos Norte	440.5	Dagupan	309.3	Cervantes, Ilocos Sur	33.4
Misamis Oriental	434.5	Urdaneta	309.0	Mabini, Pangasinan	33.4
Compostela Valley	431.5	Bislig	304.6	Liliw, Laguna	33.3
Sultan Kudarat	411.6	Ozamis	295.5	Maasin, Iloilo	33.3
Lowest					
Ifugao	246.2	Iriga	184.5	Tugaya, Lanao del Sur	11.6
Romblon	245.5	Masbate	182.0	Baler, Aurora	11.2
Catanduanes	245.5	Trece Martires	176.2	Limasawa, So. Leyte	11.1
Mt. Province	216.0	Sc. City of Muñoz	169.6	Ivana, Batanes	10.7
Marinduque	211.9	Isabela	167.7	Mahatao, Batanes	10.7
Guimaras	199.3	Candon	166.3	Gainza, Camarines Sur	10.7
Biliran	173.0	Tangub	158.5	Uyugan, Batanes	10.4
Siquijor	155.2	Canlaon	151.0	Dumalag, Capiz	0.7
Camiguin	143.3	Palayan	117.7	R. Magsaysay, Lanao del Norte	0.3
Batanes	121.7	Bacolod[1]	58.0	Salcedo, Eastern Samar	a

[1] *No financial report for the General Fund*

[a] *Amount is ₱16.1 thousand*

Internal Revenue Allotment amounting to ₱109.2 billion accounted for 62.9 percent of the total income. LGUs which received the highest share of IRA from the National Government for the current year are shown below.

LGUs with the Highest Share of Internal Revenue Allotment
(in million pesos)

Provinces	Amount	Cities	Amount	Municipalities	Amount
Pangasinan	921.6	Quezon	1,472.8	Dasmarinas, Cavite	186.1
Cebu	908.1	Davao	1,395.5	Bacoor, Cavite	152.8
Negros Occ.	896.3	Manila	1,100.0	Navotas, Metro Manila	122.7
Bulacan	806.8	Caloocan	802.5	Cainta, Rizal	122.1
Quezon	761.6	Zamboanga	795.3	Sablayan, Occ. Mindoro	120.4
Isabela	751.0	Puerto Princesa	744.4	San Pedro, Laguna	115.2
Cavite	710.6	Cebu	608.3	Ilagan, Isabela	109.6
Palawan	707.9	Cagayan de Oro	458.8	Imus, Cavite	105.0
Batangas	707.8	General Santos	446.8	Taytay, Rizal	103.2
Laguna	706.8	Pasig	438.4	Binan, Laguna	103.0

2.0 EXPENSES – ₱143.7 billion

The austerity measures adopted by LGUs for fiscal year 2004 resulted in a minimal growth of their expenses. From ₱140.6 billion in 2003, expenses totaled ₱143.7 billion, posting an increase of only 2.2 percent or ₱3.1 billion. The list of 10 highest, median and lowest spenders are shown below.

LGUs which Incurred the Highest, Median and Lowest Expenses
(in million pesos)

Provinces	Amount	Cities	Amount	Municipalities	Amount
Highest					
Bulacan	1,137.2	Manila	5,261.6	San Juan, Metro Manila	461.6
Negros Occidental	1,014.0	Makati	4,490.6	Cabuyao, Laguna	337.4
Laguna	975.8	Quezon	4,028.2	Biñan, Laguna	304.1
Cavite	960.6	Davao	2,207.3	Bacoor, Cavite	265.6
Cebu	948.0	Pasig	1,810.2	Dasmariñas, Cavite	264.7
Pangasinan	896.3	Cebu	1,574.1	Cainta, Rizal	249.5
Quezon	865.5	Mandaluyong	1,297.9	Navotas, Metro Manila	244.1
Batangas	795.2	Parañaque	1,267.8	General Trias, Cavite	239.2
Iloilo	747.2	Caloocan	1,137.4	Imus, Cavite	237.3
Bukidnon	697.5	Muntinlupa	1,079.5	Meycauayan, Bulacan	233.2
Median					
Albay	422.0	Digos	282.1	Saguiran, Lanao del Sur	30.7
Davao del Sur	403.3	Tagaytay	274.6	Vinson, Camarines Norte	30.5
Oriental Mindoro	396.1	Kidapawan	274.2	Mayantoc, Tarlac	30.5
Surigao del Sur	384.9	Cotabato	266.3	Kasibu, Nueva Vizcaya	30.5
Davao Oriental	384.5	Sagay	261.0	Candijay, Bohol	30.5
Sorsogon	382.1	Bago	260.8	Tantanga, So. Cotabato	30.5
Abra	373.5	Bislig	254.6	Mapandan, Pangasinan	30.4
South Cotabato	369.1	Silay	253.4	Tubaran, Lanao del Sur	30.4
Northern Samar	366.0	Kabankalan	249.8	Maconacon, Isabela	30.4
Sultan Kudarat	356.5	Laoag	248.2	Matalom, Leyte	30.4
Lowest					
Quirino	224.6	Gapan	125.1	Talalora, Samar	11.1
Catanduanes	218.1	Vigan	121.0	Burgos, Surigao del Norte	10.9
Marinduque	200.5	Alaminos	113.6	Gainza, Camarines Sur	10.6
Ifugao	200.1	Tabaco	112.3	Patnanungan, Quezon	10.5
Mt. Province	176.0	Palayan	110.5	Uyugan, Batanes	9.9
Guimaras	175.0	Maasin	106.2	Limasawa, So. Leyte	9.4
Biliran	144.5	Sc. City of Muñoz	99.5	Baler, Aurora	7.9
Camiguin	132.4	Ligao	83.8	Dumalag, Capiz	0.6
Siquijor	119.5	Isabela	77.4	Salcedo, Eastern Samar	0.5
Batanes	106.3	Bacolod[1]	51.5	R. Magsaysay, Lanao del Norte	0.3

[1] *No financial report for the General Fund*

3.0 Net Income – ₱29.8 billion

For the period ended December 31, 2004, LGUs financial performance resulted to a net income of ₱29.8 billion lower by ₱4.4 billion or 12.9 percent compared to the previous year's net income of ₱34.2 billion. The list of 10 LGUs which generated the highest, the median and lowest net income for the year are shown below.

LGUs with the Highest, Median and Lowest Net Income
(in million pesos)

Provinces	Amount	Cities	Amount	Municipalities	Amount
Highest					
Rizal	480.4	Quezon	2,477.1	Biñan, Laguna	195.7
Laguna	391.5	Makati	1,659.5	Rosario, Cavite	186.7
Cebu	307.6	Pasig	1,127.3	Cainta, Rizal	142.9
Isabela	253.9	Manila	946.9	Dasmarinas, Cavite	110.1
Batangas	243.4	Olongapo	590.7	Cabuyao, Laguna	106.0
Pangasinan	179.9	Caloocan	566.3	San Juan, Metro Manila	103.9
Bulacan	177.8	Taguig[1]	504.0	Sto. Tomas, Batangas	59.6
Cavite	177.3	Zamboanga	407.9	Mauban, Quezon	59.5
Iloilo	156.5	Calamba	355.4	Bacoor, Cavite	53.2
Masbate	153.1	Marikina	348.0	Siniloan, Laguna	51.2
Median					
Pampanga	64.9	Danao	65.4	Palanas, Masbate	3.1
Agusan del Sur	60.3	Pagadian	64.3	Bugasong, Antique	3.1
Southern Leyte	56.9	Panabo	64.1	Malalag, Davao del Sur	3.0
Lanao del Sur	55.9	Sipalay	63.4	Kalilangan, Bukidnon	3.0
Sultan Kudarat	55.1	Talisay	61.9	Ivisan, Capiz	3.0
Surigao del Norte	52.4	Tacurong	61.3	Tobias Fornier, Antique	3.0
Zamboanga Sibugay	51.8	Malolos	58.3	Buenavista, Guimaras	3.0
Davao del Sur	49.0	Bago	58.1	Liloy, Zamboanga del Norte	3.0
Camarines Norte	48.5	Sorsogon	56.4	Gonzaga, Cagayan	3.0
La Union	48.2	Victorias	54.6	Socorro, Surigao del Norte	3.0
Lowest					
Northern Samar	13.8	Passi	65.4	K. Kaluang, Sulu	15.4[2]
Surigao del Sur	12.5	Kidapawan	64.3	Tugaya, Lanao del Sur	14.1[2]
Maguindanao	12.1	San Fernando, La Union	64.1	Padada, Davao del Sur	11.8[2]
Capiz	11.7	Ozamis	63.4	Ocampo, Camarines Sur	9.5[2]
Marinduque	11.4	Palayan	61.9	Parang, Sulu	6.6[2]
Misamis Occidental	11.1	Bacolod	61.2	Calanogas, Lanao del Sur	6.2[2]
Camiguin	10.9	Cotabato	58.3	P. Estino, Sulu	6.0[2]
Antique	6.5	Digos	58.1	Pantar, Lanao del Norte	5.6[2]
Romblon	3.3	Iriga	56.4	Madalum, Lanao del Sur	4.8[2]
Ilocos Norte	2.2	Balanga	54.6	Guinsiliban, Camiguin	2.8[2]

[1] *Formerly a municipality*

[2] *Amount in thousand pesos*

The list of 10 municipalities which incurred the highest, the median and the lowest net loss in operation are shown below.

Municipalities which Incurred Highest, Median and Lowest Net Loss
(in thousand pesos)

Provinces	Amount	Cities	Amount	Municipalities	Amount
Sta. Cruz, Laguna	48,251.3	Tabuelan, Cebu	731.1	Balud, Masbate	76.9
Carmen, Davao del Norte	16,563.5	San Vicente, Camarines Norte	733.5	Kitcharao, Agusan del Norte	64.4
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PUBLIC NOTICES

ANNOUNCEMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ESTATE OF THE LATE DR. LEONARDO STA. CRUZ WHO DIED INTESTATE ON AUGUST 24, 1985 AT EAST AVENUE, QUEZON CITY, HAS BEEN EXTRAJUDICIALLY SETTLED BY AND AMONG HIS HEIRS AS PER DOC. NO. 381, PAGE 77, BOOK NO. XIX, SERIES OF 2005 BEFORE NOTARY PUBLIC DOMINGO LOSA, NOTARY PUBLIC FOR PARAÑAQUE CITY, PHILIPPINES.
(PDI-AUG. 6, 13, & 20, 2005)

AUCTION SALE

CY LOPEZ PAWNSHOP INC. #7611 CAEG Bldg. Dela Rosa St.,Makati City #602 JP Rizal St. Makati City #15 Gen. Santos Ave. lower Bicutan Taguig Real St. Almanza Uno Las Pinas City will hold an Auction Sale on AUGUST 27, 2005 at 9:00am including all items pawned up to MARCH 2005. - V. Zamora Jr. lic. **Auctioneer.**
(PDI - MAY 14, 2005)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given thatr the estate of the late ELISA G. TORRES has been extrajudicially settled by and among her heirs as per Doc. No. 8¾,13,20271 Page 55, Book VIII, Series of 2005 of Notary Public Porfirio T. Castillo Jr. province of Rizal.
(PDI-Aug. 6, 13 & 20, 2005)

NOTICE OF LOSS

Notice is hereby given that S2 Card w/ License No 21880NO3 under the name of Marilyn H. Ortiz was lost.
(PDI-August 20, 2005)

LAND BANK OF THE PHILIPPINES

Official Depository Bank of the Republic of the Philippines
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INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals together with the 10% bid bond for the purchase on **CASH BASIS** of the Bank properties listed below will be received at the **Special Assets Department, 30th Floor, LBP Plaza, Malate, Manila** not later than **August 30, 2005 @ 10:00 A.M.** at which place, date & time, said proposals will be opened in the presence of attending bidders.

In case of **CLOSELY CLUSTERED TOP BIDS** (defined as having the second highest bid which is not below 90% of the highest bid), the opening of the sealed bids will be immediately followed by an open bidding in which all bidders whose bids are not below 80% of the highest bid may participate. **The minimum increase in the open bidding should not be lower than P1,000.00.**

	PROPERTY DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	MINIMUM BID
1.	3 residential condominium units Unit 15C – 363.94 sq.m. Unit 5C – 363.94 sq.m. Unit 5B – 360.71 sq.m.	Cleveland Towers Pacific Avenue, Asiaworld City Tambo, Parañaque City,	 11,828,000.00 10,918,000.00 10,821,000.00
2.	1 residential condominium unit Unit 10A – 333.20 sq.m.	Washington Towers Pacific Avenue, Asiaworld City Tambo, Parañaque City	9,996,000.00
3.	24 residential condominium units at 77 sq.m. each **Tower A** Unit 21G Unit 14A Unit 11G Unit 5B Unit 3F Unit 3B **Tower B** Unit 23H Unit 21H Unit 20H Unit 19F Unit 19G Unit 19H Unit 15B Unit 11E Unit 7B Unit 7F Unit 7H Unit 6E Unit 6H Unit 4A Unit 4B Unit 4D Unit 4F Unit 3A 20 Parking slots are available on a first come, first serve basis. Price ranges from P300,000 to P350,000 per slot	Kingswood Condominium Metropolitan Ave. cor. Pasong Tamo Sts., Makati City	 3,234,000.00 3,234,000.00 3,234,000.00 2,926,000.00 2,926,000.00 2,926,000.00 3,234,000.00 3,234,000.00 3,234,000.00 3,234,000.00 3,234,000.00 3,234,000.00 3,234,000.00 3,234,000.00 3,080,000.00 3,080,000.00 3,080,000.00 2,926,000.00 2,926,000.00 2,926,000.00 2,926,000.00 2,926,000.00 2,926,000.00 2,926,000.00
4.	1 office condominium unit Unit 1103 – 65.56 sq.m.	(Eleventh Sky) 9th Floor, Cityland Condominium 10, Tower I, HV dela Costa St., Makati City	2,098,000.00
5.	Forty-two (42) parcels of land 17, 461 sq.m., Lot 362 13,500 sq.m., Lot 182 12,916 sq.m., Lot 347 11,877 sq.m., Lot 359 11,781 sq.m., Lot 363 9,527 sq.m., Lot 350 9,319 sq.m., Lot 239 8,614 sq.m., Lot 420 17,856 sq.m., Lot 254-E 14,243 sq.m., Lot 358 9,248 sq.m., Lot 349 5,776 sq.m., Lot 226-D 5,588 sq.m., Lot 226-A 12,830 sq.m., Lot 264-B 5,422 sq.m., Lot 169 12,563 sq.m., Lot 238 5,136 sq.m., Lot 393 5,003 sq.m., Lot 227 5,000 sq.m., Lot 228-A 4,509 sq.m., Lot 367-A 10,000 sq.m., Lot 259-A 4,104 sq.m., Lot 170 3,445 sq.m., Lot 225 3,188 sq.m., Lot 419 5,000 sq.m., Lot 354-A 4,659 sq.m., Lot 237 4,000 sq.m., Lot 231-A 3,063 sq.m., Lot 231-B 2,910 sq.m., Lot 223-G 2,908 sq.m., Lot 415 2,906 sq.m., Lot 223-F 2,906 sq.m., Lot 223-D 2,906 sq.m., Lot 223-C 2,906 sq.m., Lot 223-E 2,906 sq.m., Lot 223-A 2,906 sq.m., Lot 223-B 1,891 sq.m., Lot 228-F 1,890 sq.m., Lot 228-C 1,890 sq.m., Lot 228-B 1,889 sq.m., Lot 228-D 1,889 sq.m., Lot 228-E 1,819 sq.m., Lot 261	Brgy. Majada, Calamba, Laguna	 8,032,000.00 6,210,000.00 5,941,000.00 5,463,000.00 5,419,000.00 4,382,000.00 4,287,000.00 3,962,000.00 3,482,000.00 2,777,000.00 2,774,400.00 2,657,000.00 2,571,000.00 2,502,000.00 2,494,000.00 2,450,000.00 2,363,000.00 2,301,000.00 2,300,000.00 2,074,000.00 1,950,000.00 1,888,000.00 1,585,000.00 1,466,000.00 975,000.00 909,000.00 780,000.00 597,000.00 567,000.00 567,000.00 567,000.00 567,000.00 567,000.00 567,000.00 567,000.00 567,000.00 369,000.00 369,000.00 369,000.00 368,000.00 368,000.00 355,000.00
6.	156, sq.m. with one-storey building	Poblacion, Aurora, Isabela	570,000.00

For Item No. 6, public bidding will be held at LBP Leasing Corp., 15th Floor, SSHG Law Center, No. 105 Paseo de Roxas St., Makati City. For inquiry & bidding forms, please contact Ms. Beth or Ms. Riza at Tel. No. 818-2200.

For the complete description of Items Nos. 1-5 including bidding forms, you may look for Ms. Tina Ilasin or Ms. Arlene Velasco at Special Assets Department (SPAD), Land Bank of the Philippines located at the 30th Floor, LBP Plaza, 1598 M.H. Del Pilar cor. Dr. Quintos Sts., Malate, Manila (near Diamond Hotel). Prospective bidders are enjoined to inspect the above listed properties before entering their bids. The sale of the properties shall be on "AS-IS-WHERE-IS" basis. The winning bidder/s shall take possession of the awarded properties without seeking assistance from the Bank. The award in favor of the winning bidder/s shall be subject to the approval of the LBP approving authorities.

If for any reason the above-mentioned date is declared a non-working holiday, then the public bidding shall be held on the next working day at the same time and place aforementioned.

LAND BANK RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY OR ALL BIDS, TO WAIVE ANY FORMALITY THEREIN AND TO ACCEPT THE BID MOST ADVANTAGEOUS TO THE BANK. THE DECISION OF THE LBP SHALL BE FINAL AND BINDING.

COMMITTEE ON ASSET DISPOSAL

(PDI – August 20, 2005)

PUBLIC NOTICES

PERSONAL

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Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of the late JESUSIMO V. DELA CRUZ, was the subject of extrajudicial settlement. With Special Power of Attorney by his heirs as per Doc. No. 199 Page No. 40, Book No. 1, Series of 2005 of Atty Raul R. Corro, City of Muntinlupa.
(PDI – Aug 20 27 & Sept 3 2005)

Republic of the Philippines
Office of the President
Metro Manila Development Authority
PASIG RIVER REHABILITATION COMMISSION

INVITATION FOR BIDS

Project : Pasig River Environmental Management and Rehabilitation Sector Development Program (PAREMAR).
Loan No.: Asian Development Bank (ADB) Loan No. 1746-PHI
Description of Works: Construction and Development of a. Linear Park along Brgy. Barangka Ilaya in Mandaluyong. City

1. The Government of the Philippines (GOP) has received a loan from the ADB toward the cost of PAREMAR and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this loan, together with the GOP counterpart funds, to payments under the Contract for Brgy. Barangka Ilaya Linear Park (Contract No. EPA-LPP-30).
2. The Pasig River Rehabilitation Commission (PRRC) as the executing agency now invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for the following contract package:
   Contract Package : Construction and Development of a Linear Park
   Contract No. : EPA-LPP-30
   Area : 5,420 sq.m.
   Location : Brgy. Barangka Ilaya, Mandaluyong City
   Contract Duration : 180 calendar days
   Project Description : Construction and development of a linear park / promenade which includes the following items of work: amphitheater, basketball court, fence, revetment, plant box, steelworks, entrance gate, covered bleachers, trellis, multipurpose shed, gazebo, electrical works, plumbing works, play equipment and landscaping.
3. Interested Bidders shall secure the Bid Documents and submit bids as follows:

Activity	Date	Time	Venue	Remarks
Securing of (a) Eligibility Checklist or (b) submission of Letter of Intent and purchase of complete set of Bid Documents upon payment of non-refundable fee of Php 11,500.00	From 05-09 Sept	8 a.m. – 5 p.m.	PRRC 2F, MWSS Engineering Bldg. Katipunan Road, Old Balara, Quezon City 1105	Eligibility Checklist is free of charge
Securing of Additional eligibility information (if any) and inspection of Bidding Documents	From 05-09 Sept	8 a.m.- 5 p.m.		For those who secured only the Eligibility Checklist
a. Pre-Bid Conference	23 Sept.	9 a.m		
b. Site Inspection	23 Sept.	1 p.m.	Brgy. Barangka Ilaya, Mandaluyong City	Right after Pre-Bid Conference
Deadline for submission of Bids	10 October	10 a.m.	PPRC (same address)	Late bids (bids submitted submitted after 1 p.m.) shall not be accepted
Opening of Bids	10 October	10:30 a.m.		Bids shall be opened in the presence of the Bidders

4. The City of Mandaluyong shall be the implementing agency of the Contract.
5. Bidding (Eligibility Check / Prequalification, Bid Evaluation and Award of Contract) shall be conducted on the basis of local competitive bidding among interested Bidders from ADB eligible source countries as defined under the "*Guidelines for Procurement by the Asian Development Bank and its Borrowers*" pursuant to the Implementing Rules and Regulations of R.A. No. 9184 and ADB Guidelines for the Procurement of Civil Works as standardized under the harmonized ADB-GOP Procurement of Works guidelines.
6. PRRC-IABAC reserves the right to accept or reject any Bid and to annul the bidding process and reject all Bids at anytime prior to Contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected Bidder or Bidders.

Singie H. B. Gutierrez
Executive Director

Pasig River Rehabilitation Commission
2F, MWSS Engineering Bldg. Katipunan Road, Old Balara, Quezon City 1105
Tel. Nos. 433-3444 and 433-3446 • Email Address: prrc@iri-isys.com • Fax No. 926-6449

(PDI – August 20, 2005)

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ADVANCED SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY INSTITUTE
ASTI Bldg. Technopark Complex C.P. Garcia Avenue.
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http://www.asti.dost.gov.ph/info@asti.dost.gov.ph

INVITATION TO BID

The **ADVANCED SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY INSTITUTE (ASTI)** is inviting Dealers/ Suppliers for the supply of the following:

1. **XPC System 41 units**
2. **XPC Systems 8 units**
3. **XPC System 78 units**
4. **XPC System 26 units**

Pre-bidding will be on **August 25, 2005** & Opening of bids will be on Sept. 8, 2005 at ASTI Bldg.,C.P. Garcia Avenue. UP Campus Diliman, Quezon City, Bidding Documents may be obtained from ASTI or you may call to Mr. Danilo Hapin at tel. no. 4267423 or Ms. Anita Caser at 4269764 for more details.

We require the bidders to have the following requirements:

a. Certificate of dealership from Manufacturer
b. Dealers permit from NTC
c. BIR Tax Returns (Section 1 EO no. 398 & BIR Revenue Regulation no. 03-2005 bidders to any gov't procurement are mandated to file their income & business tax electronically using Electronic Filing and Payment System or EFPS)
d. DTI permit
e. Business Permit

In case of failure of bidding due to insufficient number of participating and responsive bidders, a re-bidding shall automatically be re schedules on week after announcement of a failure of bid.

(Sgd) **ENGR. JESUS C. MANIO**
Chairman, BAC

(PDI - Aug. 20, 2005)

LCR FORM 10.1 (LCRO)

Republic of the Philippines
Local Civil Registry Office
Province of Misamis Oriental
Cagayan de Oro City

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

In compliance with Section of 5 R A No 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that MARICEL D. ABEJO has filed with this Office a petition for change of first name from MARIA CECILIA TO MARICEL in the Certificate of Live Birth of MARIA CECILIA DELIGOS who was born on December 8, 1959 at MAYUGA, GUINDULMAN, BOHOL and whose parents are PASTOR DELIGOS and IRENEA GULAY.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this office not later than August 29, 2005

(Sgd.) NORMA S. DIPUTADO
City Civil Registrar

(PDI – August 20 & 27, 2005)

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Environment and Natural Resources
Environmental Management Bureau
EMB Building DENR Compound, Visayas Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City
Tels. 927-1517/18, 426-1832; 928-1215; 928-3324; 928-2241/42

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

On the ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) of the Surigao City Sanitary Landfill of the CITY GOVERNMENT OF SURIGAO CITY to be located in Barangays Cariog and Silop of Surigao City.

Notice is hereby given to all parties who wish to give their opinion regarding the implementation of the proposed Surigao City Sanitary Landfill Project to attend a Public Hearing on September 17, 2005 at 1:00-5:00 p.m. at the City Function Room, 3rd Floor City Hall Compound, Surigao City.

This Public Hearing is being conducted in connection with the review of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) of the aforementioned project by the Environmental Management Bureau (EMB) of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources).

All interested parties who wish to attend or participate in this Public Hearing should first register in person or by mail with the EMB at DENR Compound, Visayas Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City.

Individual and/or organizations may give their opinion(s) in a concise position paper submitted to the EMB (Central Office and/or CARAGA Region) on or before two days before the date of the public hearing.

For more details, please contact the EIA Division of EMB through Ms. Jannish Sajol Almario or Engr. Debbie Ruth Liao at telephone numbers 920-2240 to 41

(PDI – August 20, 2005)

ERRATUM

In the Ad re: Matter of the Adoption of Minor LADY AVEGEIL GELLADO AGUDERA published on August 5, 12 and 19, 2005 errors were inadvertently committed. They were as follows: August 5: LADY AVEGAIL GELLADO AGUDERA, should be **LADY AVEGEIL GELLADO AGUDERA**; JDRC No. 6583, should be **JDRC 6653**; and on August 19: word "Petitioners" was missed; Lady Avegail Gellado Agudera, should be **Lady Avegeil Gellado Agudera.**

– Our Apologies

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(LAND REGISTRATION AUTHORITY)
East Avenue cor. NIA Road
Quezon City

Invitation to Apply for Eligibility and to Bid

Republic of the Philippines

Construction of the Registry of Deeds Building of Kidapawan, North Cotabato and General Santos City

The Land Registration Authority (LRA), through the Special Allotment Release Order (SARO) No. C-04-04816 dated December 15, 2004, intends to apply the following amount, to wit:

Project	Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC)	Contract Duration
RD - Kidapawan, North Cotabato	P4,320,000.00	5 mos.
RD - General Santos City	P5,000,000.00	5 mos.

being the Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) to payments under the contract for the Construction of the above infrastructure projects. Bids received in excess of the ABC shall be automatically rejected at Bid opening.

LRA now invites potential Bidders to apply for eligibility for the Construction of the Registry of Deeds Building of Kidapawan, North Cotabato and General Santos City. Bidders should possess a valid PCAB license applicable to the above type and cost of the contract, have completed a similar contract with a value of at least 50% of the ABC, and meet the other minimum requirements stated in the eligibility forms. Applications for eligibility will be evaluated on a "pass/fail" basis. The deadline for submission of eligibility documents shall be on or before **September 14 2005**. Only those Bidders passing the eligibility check will be entitled to purchase the Bidding Document.

Bidding will be conducted through open competitive procedures as specified in the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act No. 9184 (R.A. 9184), otherwise known as the Government Procurement Reform Act, and is restricted unless otherwise stated to organizations with at least seventy-five percent (75%) interest or outstanding capital stock belonging to citizens of the Philippines. In accordance with IRR Part A of R.A. 9184, only Bids from Bidders who pass an eligibility check will be opened The Bidder with the Lowest Calculated Bid (LCB) shall advance to the post-qualification stage in order to finally determine its responsiveness to the technical and financial and financial requirements of the project. The contract shall then be awarded to the Lowest Calculated Responsive Bidder (LCRB) who was determined as such during post-qualification.

Interested Bidders shall secure the Eligibility documents from the BAC Secretariat at the address stated below, on or before **September 5-8, 2005** upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **FIVE HUNDRED (P500.00) PESOS**. They shall submit the accomplished Eligibility documents, in order for these to be received by the BAC Secretariat in the same address, on or before **September 14, 2005**.

Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from the Land Registration Authority and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address given below from 8:00 a.m to 5:00 p.m. on **September 22-23, 2005**.

A complete set of Bidding Documents may be purchased by the Bidders that passed the eligibility check upon presentation of the Notice of Eligibility to the BAC Secretariat, at the address below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of PESOS: THREE THOUSAND (P3,000.00). The Bidding Documents shall be received personally by the bidder or his authorized representative on or before **September 22-23, 2005**.

The LRA will hold a Pre-Bid Conference open to all Eligible Bidders on **September 26, 2005** at the LRA Multi-Purpose Hall, 5/F LRA Building, East Avenue corner NIA Road, Diliman, Quezon City at the following schedule, to wit:

Project	Time
RD - Kidapawan, North Cotabato	10:00 a.m.
RD - General Santos City	1:30 p.m.

Eligible Bidders must submit their Bids at the above address on or before **October 10, 2005** at the following schedule, to wit:

Project	Time
RD - Kidapawan, North Cotabato	10:00 a.m.
RD - General Santos City	1:30 p.m.

All bids must be accompanied by a Bid security in the form and amount indicated in the Bidding Documents. Late bids shall not be accepted. Bid opening shall then follow after each submission on **October 10, 2005**. Bids will be opened in the presence of the Bidders' representatives who choose to attend at the above address.

LRA reserves the right to accept or reject any Bid, and to annul the bidding process and reject all Bids at any time prior to contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected Bidder or Bidders.

18 August 2005 at Quezon City.

(Sgd.) **RONALD A. ORTILE**
Chairman
LRA Bids and Awards Committee on Infrastructure
5/F LRA Building
East Avenue corner NIA Road
Diliman, Quezon City
Telefax No. 9244733

(PDI - Aug. 20 & Sept. 3, 2005)

NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY
Quezon City

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

Supply and Delivery of Tokens for the Year 2005 NFA Service Awardees

The *NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY, through its 2005 Corporate Operating Budget* intends to apply the sum of *P997,282.00* being the Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) to payments under the contract for *supply and delivery of wristwatches for 2005 service awardees, as follows:*

LOT No.	Particulars	Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC)
1	60 pieces wristwatches, Model A	50,820.00
2	403 pieces wristwatches, Model B	487,630.00
3	316 pieces wristwatches, Model C	458,832.00

Bids received in excess of the ABC shall be automatically rejected at Bid opening.

The *NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY* now invites Bids from eligible Bidders for the *supply and delivery of wristwatches for 2005 NFA service awardees*. Delivery is required within 30 days from receipt of Purchase Order. The description of an eligible Bidder is contained in Section II of the Bidding Documents. Instruction to Bidders (ITB).

Bidding will be conducted through open competitive bidding procedures using non-discretionary pass/fail criteria as specified in the Implementing Rules and Regulations Part A (IRR-A) of Republic Act 9184 (R.A. 9184), otherwise known as the "Government Procurement Reform Act," and is restricted to Filipino citizens/sole proprietorships, organizations with at least sixty percent (60%) interest or outstanding capital stock belonging to citizens of the Philippines, and to citizens or organizations of a country the laws or regulations or which grant similar rights or privileges to Filipino citizens, pursuant to Republic Act 5183 (R.A. 5183) and subject to Commonwealth Act 138 (C.A. 138). Only Bids from Bidders who pass the eligibility check will be opened. The process for the eligibility check is described in Section II of the Bidding Documents, ITB.

Interested Bidders may obtain further information from the *NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY-BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE SECRETARIAT* and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address given below from *8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.*

A complete set of Bidding Documents may be purchased by interested Bidders from the address below and upon payment of a nonrefundable fee in the amount of P2,000.00. The method of payment will be *CASH*. The Bidding Documents shall be received personally by the prospective Bidder or his authorized representative

The *NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY* will hold a Pre-Bid Conference open to all interested parties on *September 1, 2005 at 10:00 a.m.* at the *NFA Boardroom, 10th Floor, Matimyas Bldg., E. Rodriguez Sr. Avenue, Quezon City.*

Bids and eligibility requirements must be delivered at the *NFA Boardroom, 10th Floor, Matimyas Bldg., E. Rodriguez Sr. Avenue, Quezon City* on September 15, 2005 from 9:00 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. Late Bids shall not be accepted. All Bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security in the following form and amount.

Form of Security	Required Amount in Percent of ABC
Cash, cashier's Check, Manager's Check, Bank draft or Irrevocable Letter of Credit	One Percent (1%)
Bank Guarantee	One and a half percent (1.5%)
Surety Bond stamped "Callable on Demand" on the face of the Bond issued by GSIS	Two and a half percent (2.5%)
Any combination of the above	Proportionate to share

Bid opening shall be on *September 15, 2005 at 10:00 a.m.* at the *NFA Boardroom, 10th Floor, Matimyas Bldg., E. Rodriguez Sr. Avenue, Quezon City.* Bids will be opened in the presence of the Bidders' representatives.

The *NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY* reserves the right to accept or reject any Bid, to annul the bidding process, and to reject all Bids at any time prior to contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected Bidder or Bidders

Procuring Entity	*NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY*
Contact Person	*Jose D. Chua / Violeta S. Villarama*
Address	*101 E. Rodriguez Sr. Avenue, Quezon City*
Telephone No.	*(632) 712-0454*
E-mail Address	*vsvillarama@nfa.gov.ph*
Fax No.	*(632) 712-0454*
Website	*www.nfa.gov.ph*

(Sgd.) **PEDRO S. HERNANDO, JR.**
Deputy Administrator and BAC Chair
for Administration and General Support Services

(PDI - Aug. 13 & 20, 2005)

NFA to distribute iron-fortified rice in Bicol

THE NATIONAL Food Authority in Legazpi City is set to distribute some 219,000 bags of iron-fortified rice in the Bicol region as part of the agency's compliance to the Philippine Food Fortification Program otherwise known as Republic Act 8976. The volume will be distributed in the Bicol region with 22,000 bags allocated for Albay; Camarines Norte with 42,000 bags; Camarines Sur, 74,000 bags; Catanduanes, 18,200 bags; Masbate with 42,700 bags; and Sorsogon with an allocation of 20,100 bags. The NFA has intensified its iron fortification program nationwide to help in the prevention of iron deficiency among Filipinos. Iron deficiency causes anemia which is one of the common health problems among children and lactating mothers. For information on NFA programs, the public may use the Text NFA program by sending inquiries, complaints and suggestions through mobile number 0917-0210927. For information on programs of the Department of Agriculture, please visit the DA's official website at www.da.gov.ph.

NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY
Quezon City

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

Repair and Rehabilitation of FDC Equipment

The *NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY*, through its *2005 Corporate Operating Budget* intends to apply the sum of *P2,000,000.00* being the Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) to payments under the contract for *repair/rehabilitation of various FDC Equipment*, as follows:

Item No.	Particulars	Quantity	Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC)
1	Repair and rehabilitation of Chiller	1 lot	340,000.00
2	Repair and rehabilitation of Storage Freezer	1 lot	390,000.00
3	Rehabilitation of Boiler Proper for Miura Boiler Model EU-750, PDN No. 1706465	1 lot	735,000.00
4	Rehabilitation of Boiler Proper for Miura Boiler TX-300, PDN No. 6301572	1 lot	535,000.00
	TOTAL		2,000,000.00

Bids received in excess of the ABC shall be automatically rejected at Bid opening.

The *NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY* now invites Bids from eligible Bidders for the *repair and rehabilitation of various FDC Equipment*. The description of an eligible Bidder is contained in Section II of the Bidding Documents. **Instruction to Bidders (ITB).**

Bidding will be conducted through open competitive bidding procedures using non-discretionary pass/fail criteria as specified in the Implementing Rules and Regulations Part A (IRR-A) of Republic Act 9184 (R.A. 9184), otherwise known as the "Government Procurement Reform Act," and is restricted to Filipino citizens/sole proprietorships, organizations with at least sixty percent (60%) interest or outstanding capital stock belonging to citizens of the Philippines, and to citizens or organizations of a country the laws or regulations of which grant similar rights or privileges to Filipino citizens, pursuant to Republic Act 5183 (R.A. 5183) and subject to Commonwealth Act 138 (C.A. 138). Only Bids from Bidders who pass the eligibility check will be opened. The process for the eligibility check is described in Section II of the Bidding Documents, ITB.

Interested Bidders may obtain further information from the *NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY-BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE SECRETARIAT* and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address given below from *8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.*

A complete set of Bidding Documents may be purchased by interested Bidders from the address below and upon payment of a nonrefundable fee in the amount of P5,000.00. The method of payment will be *CASH*. The Bidding Documents shall be received personally by the prospective Bidder or his authorized representative.

The *NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY* will hold a **Pre-Bid Conference open to all interested parties on** ***September 13, 2005 at 10:00 a.m.*** at the *NFA Boardroom, 10th Floor, Matimyas Bldg., E. Rodriguez Sr. Avenue, Quezon City.*

Bids and eligibility requirements must be delivered at the *NFA Boardroom, 10th Floor, Matimyas Bldg., E. Rodriguez Sr. Avenue, Quezon City* on September 28, 2005 from 9:00 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. Late Bids shall not be accepted. All Bids must be accompanied by a Bid security in either of the following form and amount.

Form of Security	Required Amount in Percent of ABC
Cash, cashier's Check, Manager's Check, Bank draft or Irrevocable Letter of Credit	One Percent (1%)
Bank Guarantee	One and a half percent (1.5%)
Surety Bond stamped "Callable on Demand" on the face of the Bond issued by GSIS	Two and a half percent (2.5%)
Any combination of the above	Proportionate to share

Bid opening shall be on *September 28, 2005 at 10:00 a.m.* at the *NFA Boardroom, 10th Floor, Matimyas Bldg., E. Rodriguez Sr. Avenue, Quezon City.* Bids will be opened in the presence of the Bidders' representatives.

The *NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY* reserves the right to accept or reject any Bid, to annul the bidding process, and to reject all Bids at any time prior to contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected Bidder or Bidders.

Procuring Entity	*NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY*
Contact Persons	*Jose D. Chua / Violeta S. Villarama*
Address	*101 E. Rodriguez Sr. Avenue, Quezon City*
Telephone No.	*(632) 712-0454*
E-mail Address	*vsvillarama@nfa.gov.ph*
Fax No.	*(632) 712-0454*
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(Sgd.) **PEDRO S. HERNANDO, JR.**
Deputy Administrator and BAC Chair
for Administration and General Support Services

(PDI - Aug. 20 & Sept. 3, 2005)

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
DepED Complex, Meralco Ave., Pasig City

Invitation for Rebid

Loan No 1654 – PHI. Secondary Education Development and Improvement Project (SEDIP)
IFB No. ADB-SEDIP-2005-TX

1 The Republic of the Philippines through the Department of Education (DepED) has received a loan from the Asian Development Bank (ADB). It is intended to apply part of the proceeds of this loan to eligible payments under the contracts for the Supply and Delivery of Makabayan Textbooks (TXs) and Teacher's Manuals (TMs) for Music, Arts, Physical Education, and Health (MAPEH) I-IV under SEDIP.

2. The Department of Education (DepED) through the Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the Supply and Delivery of Makabayan TXs and TMs in Music, Arts, Physical Education and Health (MAPEH) 1st–4th year to secondary schools under SEDIP, as follows.

2.1 Lot 1: 249,198 copies of MAPEH I Textbooks and 3,899 copies of Teacher's Manuals
2.2 Lot 2: 216,190 copies of MAPEH II Textbooks and 3,448 copies of Teacher's Manuals
2.3 Lot 3: 181,802 copies of MAPEH III Textbooks and 2,973 copies of Teacher's Manuals
2.4 Lot 4: 154,855 copies of MAPEH IV Textbooks and 2,612 copies of Teacher's Manuals

Estimated Printing and Delivery Completion Period: 120 days
Indicative Printing and Delivery Dates: May to August 2006

The mode of procurement shall be through International Shopping (IS). A bidder may opt to bid on any or all of the lots required

4. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information or inspect the Bidding Documents from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. starting August 23, 2005 at the Procurement Service, Room 508, 5th Floor, Mabini Building, DepED Complex, Pasig City, Philippines, Tel. Nos. (632) 636-6543/633-9343 or at Fax No. (632) 635-6542. Information is also available at http://www.deped.gov.ph or www.procurementservice.org.

A complete set of Bidding Documents in English may be purchased by interested eligible bidders upon submission of a written application to the address given in paragraph 4 and payment of a non-refundable fee in the amount of Php 3,000.00. The method of payment will be cash, cashier's check, manager's check, or certified check

6. All bids shall be accompanied by a bid security of not less than 2.5% of total bid amount, in Philippine peso or in any freely convertible currency of eligible countries and shall be delivered in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders on or before 10:00 a.m. on October 7, 2005 at Bulwagan ng Karunungan, Rizal I Building, DepED Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City, Philippines.

Prior to bid opening, a pre-bid conference shall be conducted on September 12, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. at the same address indicated in paragraph 6.

8. The DepED reserves the right to accept and reject any or all bids and to annul the bidding process at any time prior to award of Contract(s) without incurring any liability to the affected bidders and to waive any minor informality or non-conformity in a bid which does not constitute a material deviation, provided such waiver will not prejudice or affect competitive ranking of any bid.

(Sgd.) JUAN MIGUEL M. LUZ
Undersecretary and Chairperson
Bids and Awards Committee

(PDI – August 20 & 27, 2005)

PRIVATIZATION AND MANAGEMENT OFFICE

INVITATION TO SUBMIT OFFERS

Offered for sale are the following subdivision lots in Barangay Sta. Maria, Zamboanga and Bello Subdivision, Sitio Santol, Barangay La Filipina, Tagum, Davao held by the Privatization and Management Office (PMO) formerly belonging to Sta. Clara Lumber Company, Inc. (SCLCI), at an aggregate indicative price of P876,950.

The lots are being offered as follows:

Site No.	Particulars	Indicative Price
I	Brgy. Sta. Maria, Zamboanga City Lot-13, Blk-2 (853 sq.m.)	P469,150
II	Brgy. La Filipina, Tagum, Davao Lot-11, Blk-1 (400 sq.m.)	80,000
III	Brgy. La Filipina, Tagum, Davao Lot-14, Blk-7 (400 sq.m.)	80,000
IV	Brgy. La Filipina, Tagum, Davao Lot-15, Blk-7 (583 sq.m.)	116,600
V	Brgy. La Filipina, Tagum, Davao Lot-25, Blk-6 (300 sq.m.)	60,000
VI	Brgy. La Filipina, Tagum, Davao Lot-26, Blk-6 (356 sq.m.)	71,200

Offers will be received, opened and tabulated in the presence of the offerors on 13 September 2005, at 3:00 p.m. at the PMO Conference Room, 6th Floor, 104 Gamboa Street, Legaspi Village, Makati City.

Interested parties may request for **Specific Rules on Offer for Sale (SROS) and Offer for Sale Form (OSF)** from the PMO Marketing Department, 104 Gamboa Street, Legaspi Village, Makati City.
For more information, please call Mr. John DF. Baldemor of the PMO Marketing Department at 817-6331 / 817-8762.

(PDI--Aug. 18, 19 & 20, 2005)

NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY
Quezon City

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

Supply and Delivery of FDC Laboratory Equipment (17 items)

The *NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY*, through its *2005 Corporate Operating Budget* intends to apply the sum of *P3,347,000.00* being the Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) to payments under the contract for *supply and delivery of FDC Laboratory Equipment (17 items)*, as follows:

Item No.	Particulars	No. of Units	Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC)
1	Refrigerated Circulator	1	165,000.00
2	Elisa Reader and Accessories	1	500,000.00
3	Electronic Dessiccator with Built-in Hygrometer	1	250,000.00
4	Dessiccators for Chemistry Section	1	315,000.00
5	Air Oven	1	270,000.00
6	Dispensette	4	100,000.00
7	Chlorine Test Kits	1	35,000.00
8	Hepa Filters for Clean Bench	13	260,000.00
9	Thermometer Reader with Penetration Probes	3	60,000.00
10	Thermocouple Thermometer Recorder or Meter with Penetration Probes	1 2	35,000.00 60,000.00
11	Metrological Weight Set	1	80,000.00
12	Standard Weights, Class F1	1	100,000.00
13	Glass Dessiccator for Shelf-Life Testing Section	2	92,000.00
14	Glass Dessiccator for Package Testing Section	1	180,000.00
15	Glass Dessiccator Cabinet	1	65,000.00
16	Ice Maker for Ice Cubes	1	430,000.00
17	Ice Maker for Flake Ice	1	350,000.00
	TOTAL		3,347,000.00

Bids received in excess of the ABC shall be automatically rejected at Bid opening.

The *NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY now* invites Bids from eligible Bidders for the *supply and delivery of FDC Laboratory Equipment*. Delivery is required within 120 days from receipt of Purchase Order. The description of an eligible Bidder is contained in Section II of the Bidding Documents. **Instruction to Bidders (ITB).**

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The *NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY* will hold a Pre-Bid Conference open to all interested parties on *August 31, 2005 at 10:00 a.m.* at the *NFA Boardroom, 10th Floor, Matimyas Bldg., E. Rodriguez Sr. Avenue, Quezon City.*

Bids and eligibility requirements must be delivered at the *NFA Boardroom, 10th Floor, Matimyas Bldg., E. Rodriguez Sr. Avenue, Quezon City* on September 14, 2005 from 9:00 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. Late Bids shall not be accepted. All Bids must be accompanied by a Bid security in either of the following form and amount.

Form of Security	Required Amount in Percent of ABC
Cash, cashier's Check, Manager's Check, Bank draft or Irrevocable Letter of Credit	One Percent (1%)
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Surety Bond stamped "Callable on Demand" on the face of the Bond issued by GSIS	Two and a half percent (2.5%)
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- Types of business organizations
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- Nature of business transactions
- The accounting equation
- Introduction of the most common account titles
- Differentiation of accounts in a servicing and merchandising bussiness
- Recordable business transactions

III. Understanding the balance sheet and income statement
- The balance and its accounts
- The income statements and its accounts
- Preparation of the balance sheet and income statement

Day 2

IV. The statement of cash flow
- Business activities annlyzed Operating, investing and financing activities
- Preparation of the statement of cash flow
- Relevance of the statement of cash flow in business

V. Tools for financial statement analysis
- What is financial analysis
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ATTY. ROMAN F. MABANTA, JR.

Peacefully went home to his Creator
on the 19th day of August 2005

Devoted husband of the late **Alice Ysip Mabanta**

Loving father of **Jiggs, Rosanne & Rick Watson, Bobby & Dottie, Rusty & Tina Lydia & Jim Paredes, Nandy & Karl Kruger, Ricky & Chato, Pinky & Peter Gonzales, Marty & Vangie, Ollie & Butch Campos.**
Beloved Lolo of **Korinne & Eric Watson, Anton, Robert, Nikko & Daniella Mabanta, Elaine & Tony Young, Andrea Mabanta, Erica, Ala & Mio Paredes, Kristin & Kevin Kruger, Paolo, Lara & Sabrina Mabanta, Lissy Gonzales, Miguel & Gabriel Mabanta, Jamie, Jeanette, Jaclyn, Jay and Janelle Campos**

Beloved Grandlolo of **Ananda Paredes, Joshua Razo & AJ Mabanta**

His remains will be at Santa Maria Della Strada Parish Church, Katipunan Ave., Quezon City, starting Saturday, August 20, 2005 where daily masses will be offered at 7:30 p.m.

Interment will be on Wednesday, August 24, 2005, at the Crypt of Christ the King Parish, Greenmeadows after the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

In lieu of flowers, we request donations to Our Lady of Pentecost Parish

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John 3:16

DEATH NOTICE

BIENVENIDO (Benny) A. JOSE

Died on August 16, 2005 at the age of 72.

He left behind his wife **Gloria** and children **Imelda, Teddy, Ding and Olan.**

His remains lie in state at the family residence, #116 Villareal St., Gulod, Novaliches.

Interment will be on Sunday, August 21 at 1:00 p.m. at Holy Cross Memorial Park.

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EDGARDO FRANCISCO CRUZ

Peacefully joined his Creator
on August 18, 2005.

His loving family, other relatives and friends request the reader to pray for his eternal repose and happiness of his soul.

His body lies in state at the St. Jerome Emiliani Church, Alabang Tower Center, Muntinlupa.

Interment will be on August 21, 2005 at the Manila Memorial Park, Sucat, Parañaque after the 1:30 p.m. Mass.

CLASSIFIEDS

THE BIGGEST FOOD EXPO IN THE COUNTRY

WORLD FOOD Expo or simply know as Wofex has been officially tagged as the leading and biggest food event in the country today after the staging of the recently held Aug. 3 to 6, at the World Trade Center. A jampacked World Trade Center during the 4-day event reached to more than 40,000 trade visitors. Over 700 exhibitors and over 10,000 product display were showcased plus major culinary competitors were held. Workshops on food and beverage by industry experts were also conducted. Shown is a view of World Food Expo 2005. For interested participants in Wofex 2006 (Aug. 2 to 5, World Trade Center) call Premier Events Plus Inc. at 9297993 or 63, 4354790 or email info@PEPGroup.com.

Course on Evaluation Interviews

PROPER selection is a mission central to the success of a company. Yet, the important hiring decision is too often made by managers who had no formal training at all in the evaluation of people.

Much of the apparent lack of concern about selecting the right person for the right job stems from a lack of appreciation of tremendous costs that would result if the wrong person is taken in due to sloppy selection. These costs include precious executive time spent in the interview, orientation and training, and the damage the wrong choice may cost the company could entail thousands, in some cases, millions of pesos.

It is in this light that the Employers Confederation of the Philippines (Ecop) is offering a Course on Evaluation Interviews: Getting the Right People for the Right Job that teaches interview techniques as well as provides CEOs, HR Executives and Senior HR Managers practical tips.

To be held on Aug. 18-20, at Dusit Hotel, Makati City, the Course is deeply anchored on methodology and thus, will focus on how to carry out a particular style of interviewing and how to interpret and evaluate the ensuing information elicited from the interview. For inquiries or registration, please call Ms. Zeni Bonghanoy of the ECOP Training & Development Department at 890-4845, 890-4847 or 899-0411.

'Sayaw Ang KiuKok, atbp' at the CCP and Davao City

CHOREOGRAPHIC works by Agnes Locsin inspired by selected works of by the late National Artist for Visual Arts Ang Kiukok will be presented in "Sayaw LikhANG KIUKOK, atbp." on August 26 and 27 at the CAP Auditorium in Davao City and Sept. 3, 6 p.m. and Sept. 4, 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. at the Cultural Center of the Philippines' Tanghalang Nicanor Abelardo.

'Sayaw LikhANG KIUKOK, atbp.' features also a divertisement of dances choreographed and performed by some of the country's outstanding dance artists now based in Europe, namely, Elmer Domdom, Ernest Mandap, Gaye Galiluyo, Georgette Sanchez and Ryan Ocampo. Local dance artists based in Davao and Metro Manila will be performing in the show.

Sayaw LikhANG KIUKOK, atbp' is a collaborative, multi-media production, a union and reunion of dance, music and the visual arts. Under the direction of Agnes Locsin, the show will feature music by Joey Ayala, lighting design by Monino Duque and set design by Gino Gonzalez.

'Sayaw LikhANG KIUKOK, atbp' is a co-production of the Carmen Dakudao Locsin Foundation and the Cultural Center of the Philippines.

Tickets are priced at P350, P500, P600 and P800. For ticket reservations, please call Raquel Salvador of CCP Marketing Department at tel. no. 832-1125 local 1802 or 832-3681.

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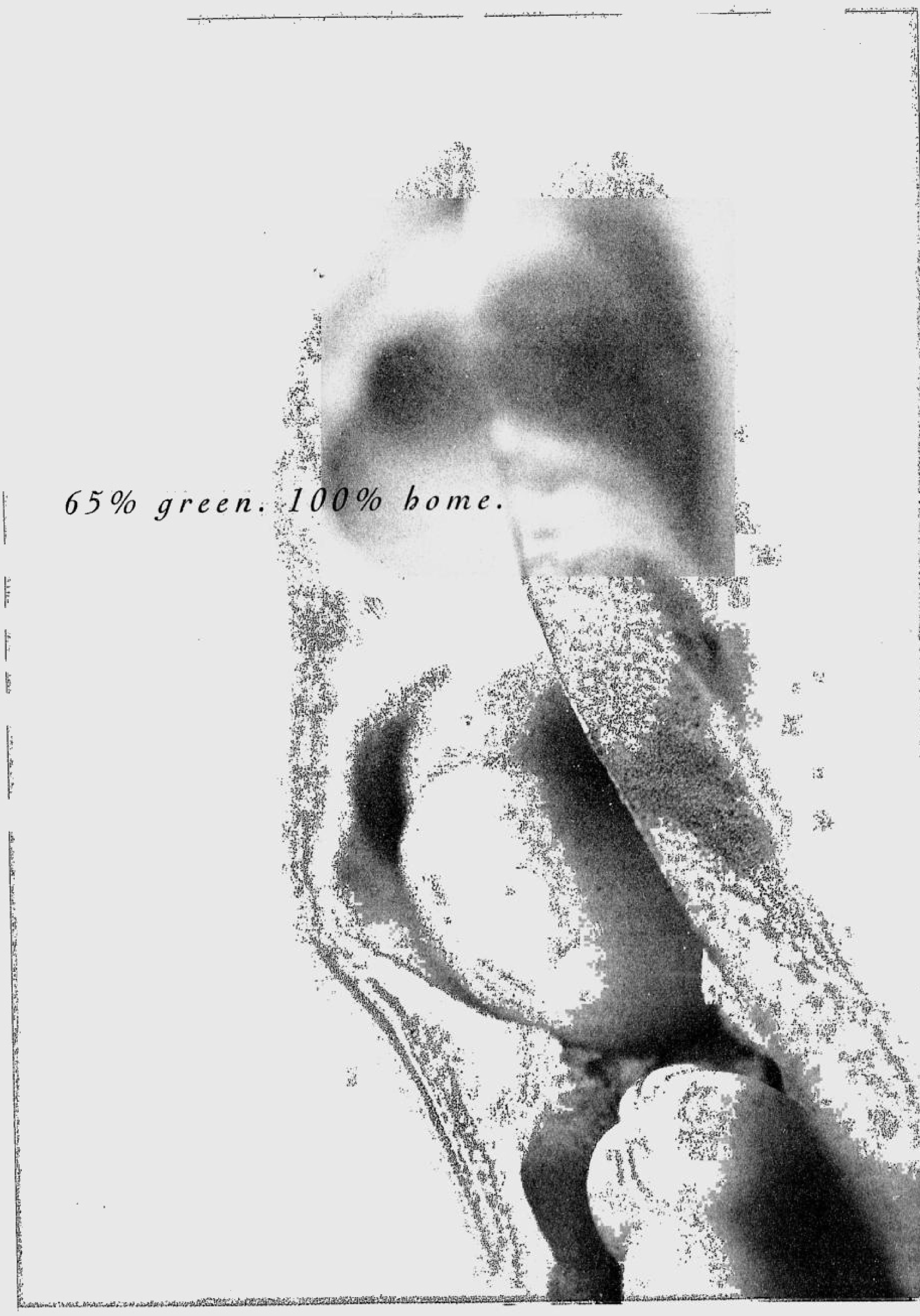
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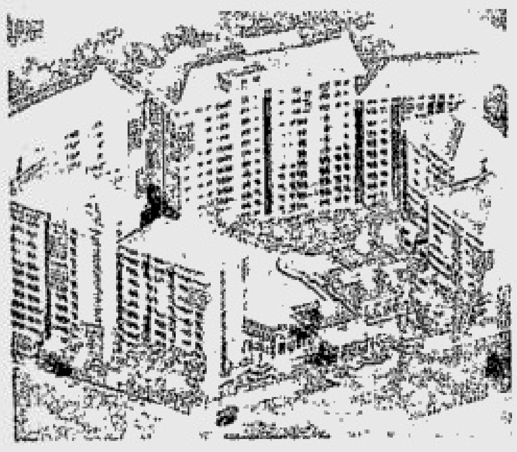

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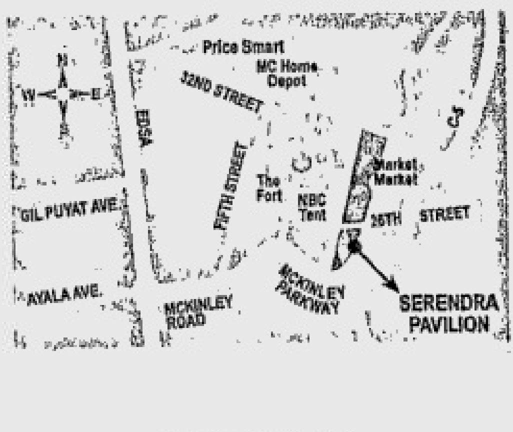

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PGH modernization to cost ₱1B

By Tessa R. Salazar

THE PHILIPPINE General Hospital is about to embark on a renovation/modernization project befitting the status of a state university hospital.

The 98-year-old institution for medical learning and practice, which sits on a 10-hectare property in the 14-hectare UP Manila campus, has earmarked P1 billion for its modernization plan.

The centerpiece of the plan is a proposed 15-story "centennial legacy" building comprising seven floors of parking that can accommodate 500 cars; six floors of integrated ambulatory, diagnostic and therapeutic services; and the top two floors dedicated to human kinetics such as sports and other various activities.

To determine how, and where, to source the daunting budget, PGH has also formed a think tank.

Financial support

For starters, the Filipino Chinese Chamber of Commerce and Industry has pledged financial support.

PGH director Dr. Carmelo A. Alfiler said the only way to complete the plan is to resort to a build-operate-transfer (BOT) program. Roughly P700 million would be required to cover construction costs, and P400 million for equipment, interiors and amenities of the building.

FOR THE COUNTRY'S state university hospital to be at par with Asia's best state hospitals, PGH has to upgrade its existing services and facilities. RANDY HORMILLOSA

Being a historical landmark, however, the PGH infrastructure entails special considerations. Alfiler said the construction plans and actual renovation works, particularly on those affecting the institution's façade, must pass the scrutiny of the National Historical Institute.

Furthermore, the hospital will become part of a tour package offered by the Department of Tourism once the renovations are completed.

Alfiler added that for the country's state university hospital to be at par with Asia's best state hospitals, PGH also has to upgrade its existing services and facilities. He estimated an additional P158 million to rehabilitate, reroof, rewire and repaint the existing structures, aside from upgrading the plumbing networks and replacing old elevators.

The emergency room had already been renovated in 2004 at a cost of P770 million soft-loaned from the Spanish government. The components of the loan included training, infrastructure, rehabilitation and equipment with four fully fitted ambulances.

The PGH computerization needs P110 million to complete all three phases.

With a floor area of 125,000 square meters, PGH has 40 interconnecting and stand-alone buildings, 16 pavilions for charity wards, seven blocks for pay wards and a bed capacity of 1,500.

The total number of patients served per year is approximately 600,000.

More than P1 billion of the P4.5-billion annual government subsidy for the UP System goes to the PGH. This subsidy has to be supplemented by internal revenue generation of the hospital amounting to P300 to P400 million to keep the hospital operating.

Geographic practice

Another transformation is due to take place in 2005 and 2006. The old three-story outpatient building within the campus will be converted into clinics for 250 doctors, dentists and other practitioners.

This will be the only medical arts facility that will be exclusively for PGH doctors and dentists and allied professions.

"We call it geographic practice. We keep our faculty for teaching and service so we have to provide some pay-patient privileges for them in the outpatient department. We will have reasonable costs for rent mandated by the university hospital since it is a welfare incentive."

The other specialized units include a burn unit, a cancer institute facility, and the National Eye Referral Center, which will house P110-million worth of equipment to be donated by the Spanish government. Another unit is the integrated organ transplant for skin, liver, bone and bone-marrow.

The PGH's new MRI equipment will be complemented with newer radio diagnostic equipment like high-end CAT scan with help from Sen. Miriam Defensor Santiago. A linear accelerator is a P167-million pledge by the Federation of Filipino-Chinese Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

The 20-sq-m pediatric burn unit area is being improved. Alfiler said that P500,000 was donated in memory of Speaker Jose de Venecia's late daughter KC.

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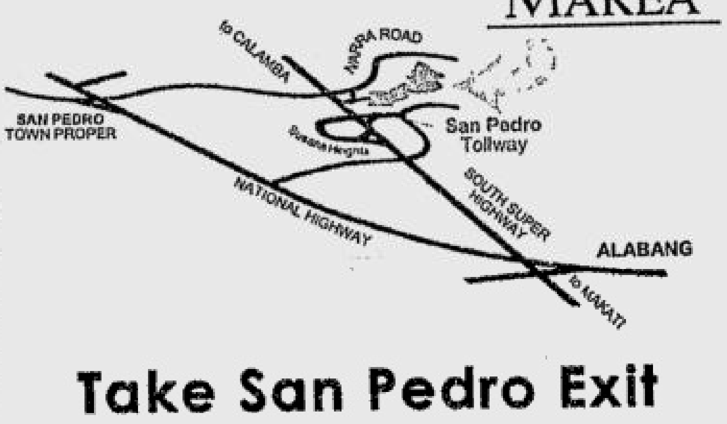


The value of value engineering

LIVING ARCHITECTURE

Marcos de Guzman Jr.

THE RECENT increase in international price of oil per barrel has created a shudder in the economy including the construction industry. Contractors have to closely evaluate their contract prices and project more carefully their future expenses in order to assure a guaranteed return. Private individuals planning to build a house may now be having second thoughts to make sure that this would be completed within their budget. Value for every peso is crucial.

Faced with the current scenario, this should not lead us to shelve all our plans for a flourishing skyline. There is another approach we can take in order to go on with life while tightening the belt. This approach is technically referred to as Value Engineering (VE).

More common

VE is more common to professionals tasked with analyzing, evaluating costs and providing recommendations to meet cost efficiency while maintaining or moreso enhancing the quality of deliverables.

The practice dated back to World War II when weapon manufacturing General Electric Co. experienced shortage in skilled labor, raw materials and component parts. Its engineers Lawrence Miles and Harry Erlicher have to look for acceptable substitutes. Their efforts resulted to cost savings and even a better output.

VE has already been an established system abroad. This is currently gaining ground in our country due to benefits gained both in quantitative and qualitative results. Local consultancy firms like Rider Hunt Liacor Inc. offer this among their wide array of services.

Cost exercise

VE is a cost exercise and study of options to enhance the financial efficiency of a project. It is a reliable tool in order to confine cost within the parameters of a budget and bring the project to its desired completion. It assures that money will be spent wisely and efficiently.

VE could have prevented the misfortune of unfinished buildings around the metropolis where work has been suspended due to shortage of funds. Sadly, the unprojected cost had drained the proponents of their resources leaving them groping to keep the construction progressing.

Those that cannot afford to proceed have left the structure dilapidated and useless resulting to a loss of millions of pesos. On the other hand, a proponent subjecting his project to value engineering before any mobilization has been done would have avoided this. A thorough study will equip him to be in a confident position to satisfactorily complete the project.

BACK to the drawing boards: results from VE may sometimes mean that designers review their drawings and change physical layout or reduce sizes of areas.

An effective VE is dependent on a thorough and comprehensive cost estimates that is neither too conservative nor "over estimated." Once the findings declare that the estimated total cost exceeds the allotted budget, Value Engineering would be the next best direction to take.

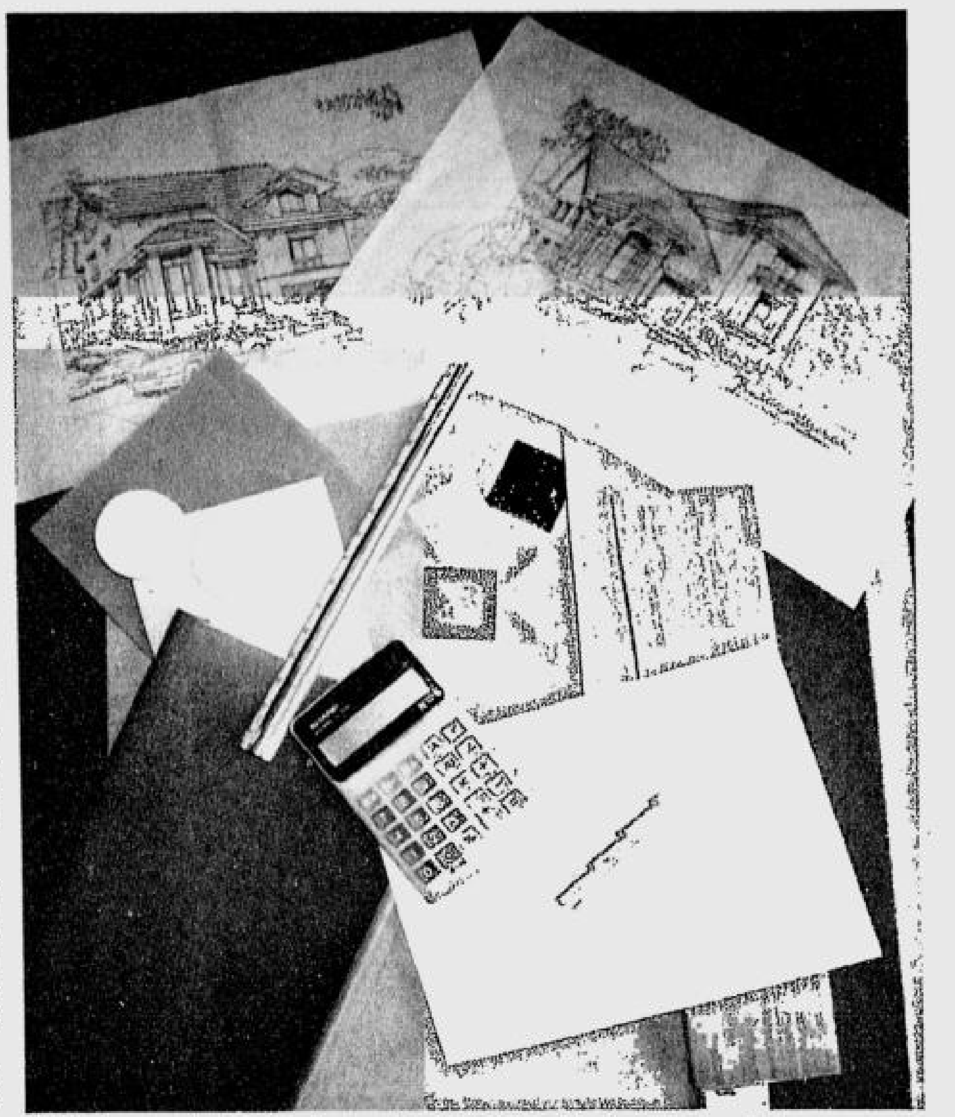
How does VE exactly work?

Here are some of the basic steps:

Firstly, information is gathered in order to know all the requirements and scrutinize every element of its function and necessity. Then comes the alternative generation or creation stage where the engineers come up with various alternative ways of meeting the equivalent function of requirements whether in the form of spaces or finishes.

Afterward in the evaluation stage, these alternatives are assessed on how well they meet the required functions and the cost savings these entail. The engineers will evaluate and agree on the best alternative that will be presented to the proponent for final direction.

VE eliminates wasteful practices therefore squeezing the purchasing power of every peso. Private individuals without formal training in VE can adapt this attitude by holding on to the following areas where it is implemented:



VE involves reviewing drawings and material specifications, cost and size computations.

- **Well-selected materials.** A proponent should only spend for specifications that the projects require and not for features that are more than what they need. These could be in the form of elaborate design or profile of ornaments for purely esthetic purposes which the overall design can do without or perhaps not even call for. Clients should learn to trust their architects when the approach is minimalist or when he is more selective in accents and ornaments. The proponent should be willing to substitute materials if an innovative product has been proven to be more efficient than the conventional one. The selection of materials should also anticipate the cost entailed to maintain or even replace them.
- **Process efficiency and producibility.** Cost savings in materials is not the only consideration, savings can also be derived in the labor cost by arriving at efficient design that is easier to implement or produce. This however should not sacrifice creativity. Certain designs may indeed require expertise and skills that will entail a higher labor rate. However this is normally limited to selected areas expected to serve as a specialty feature. So as a rule of thumb, if things can be done faster and easier, then do it.
- **Modularity.** Materials cost less if purchased in bigger quantities. If the design can afford to reduce variations, the concept of modularity could merit a sum of savings. Examples of which are sizes and types of windows, doors, closet and even moldings. Space configurations can minimize material wastage of floor and ceiling finishes by considering its manufactured size as reference dimensions.
- **Energy efficiency.** The operating cost should be considered in the design and specifications. For the building to consume less electricity in lighting and air-conditioning system, then the structure and its openings should be oriented properly.

Until the government invests on finding alternative to oil, we can but expect its increasing rate to give a direct and endless blow to our economy. Now more than the past, are we seeing the need and value of the value engineering exercise.

Fortezza: Crown Asia's Italian city in the south

A GROWING list of families finding the ideal community tucked away from the metro's aggravations yet offering practical urban conveniences. More and more individuals residing in such an enclave that could be reached in as fast as 25 minutes from Makati. An impossible feat? Crown Asia makes it all possible with the launch of its newest Italian city—Fortezza at Cabuyao, Laguna.

Leading in the real estate industry for already 10 years, Crown Asia continues its thrust to fulfill lifelong dreams of families with themed and carefully planned developments. Crown Asia scours the country from north to south to find ideal sites for neighborhoods which enhance lifestyles while strengthening family ties.

Once the first masterplanned community in Cabuyao, Laguna, Fortezza has become a thriving residential estate. Dubbed as the "Crown of Laguna," Fortezza is the sole development in the town inspired by Italian architecture.

Crown Asia creates an Italian city with details completing the themed village such as Roman statues and baroque fountains, while Italian lamps line piazzas and charming pocket gardens.

Best of both worlds offered

Crown Asia offers both country calm and city convenience at Fortezza. Its ideal site amid Laguna's continuous urbanization is balanced by the community's quiet and laidback lifestyle ideal for raising children.

- **Country calm.** As each resident is greeted by a view of the fabled Mt. Banahaw and Mt. Makiling complemented by unspoiled nature and rustic, tranquil air.
- **City convenience.** As Laguna's business and commercial industry continues to flourish, one can be at Fortezza just two minutes from the South Luzon Expressway and an easy 25- to 40-minute drive from Makati.

Charm of the Crown Jewels

Crown Asia's latest five model homes, the Crown Jewels are available to suit every family's unique needs and budget:

- **Jade.** Offering highly functional living space, the Jade model features a living and dining area, kitchen, 2 bedrooms, a toilet and bath, family hall and lanai with floor area of 64 square meters on 110-sq-m lot area.
- **Pearl.** The charm of Italy's architecture is evident in the Pearl model, with a floor area of 79 sq m on 110-sq-m lot area. It features 3 bedrooms, 2 toilets and baths, porch and lanai.
- **Sapphire.** A precious find for the growing family, the Sapphire model has a more spacious kitchen, and living and dining areas. With a floor area of 95 sq m on 121-sq-m lot area. It also features a family room, 3 bedrooms, 3 toilets and baths, balcony, porch, lanai and maid's room.
- **Emerald.** A sensible choice with more than usual space requirements, the Emerald model features roomy living and dining areas, and kitchen, family room, 3 bedrooms, a master's toilet and bath, 2 more toilets and bath, balcony, porch, lanai, deck, carport and maid's room. It has a floor area of 141 sq m on 132-sq-m lot area.
- **Ruby.** Offering gracious Italian living inside and out, the Ruby model features the most generous amount of living space with a floor area of 171 sq m on 150-sq-m lot area. It has a master's bedroom with its own toilet and bath and walk-in closet, 2 more bedrooms, 2 toilets and baths, family room, balcony, foyer, porch, lanai, deck, 2-car garage and maid's room.

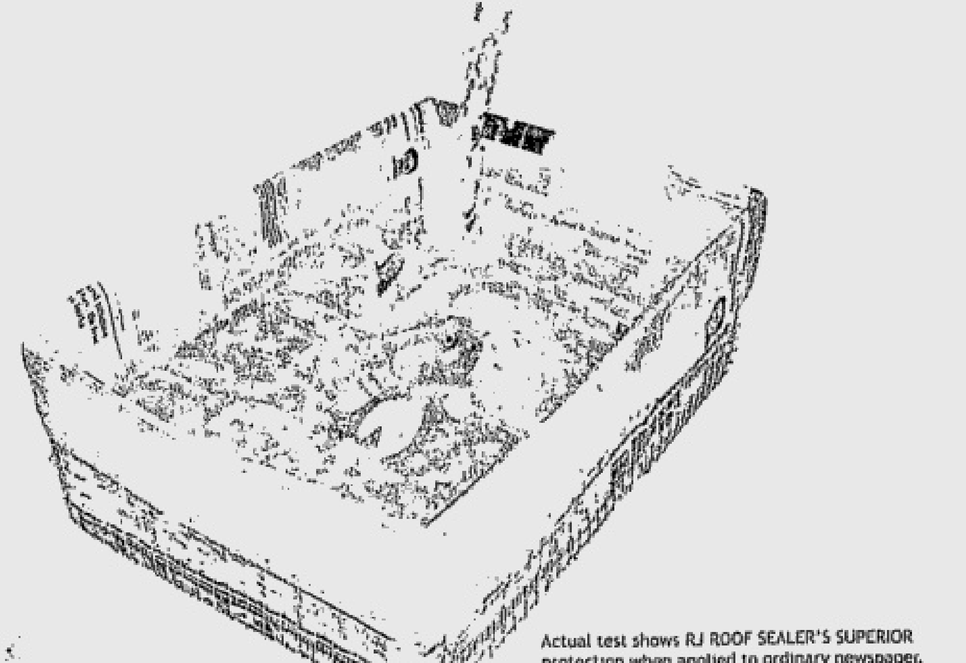
Features addressing needs

Fortezza features amenities and facilities that not only fosters community spirit but nurtures the body as well. Family bonding and interaction among neighbors are encouraged by leisure amenities like promenade areas, children's playground, landscaped park, barbecue area, a Roman bath and clubhouse. Promoting physical fitness and total well-being is the constant availability of athletic facilities such as tennis and basketball courts, a landscaped park, promenade areas and swimming pool.

Guiding the thoughtful and effective masterplanning of past, present and future projects of Crown Asia are the five core values it persistently adhere to: greenery, security, choices, serenity and attainability.

Visit Fortezza and discover the charm of Italian-inspired architecture amid the quaint community of Cabuyao, Laguna. Property previews may be arranged by calling Crown Asia South at 873-1614 and 873-6610.

OFFERING both country calm and city convenience, Fortezza balances continuous urbanization with a quiet and laid-back lifestyle ideal for raising children.



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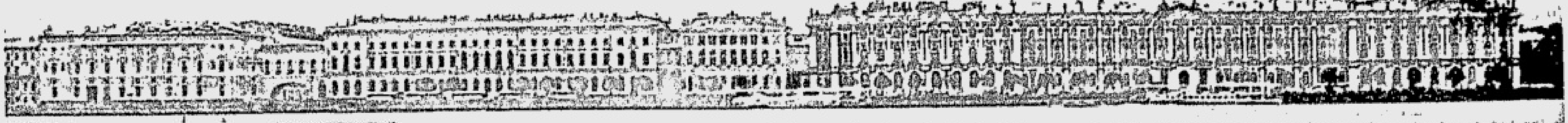

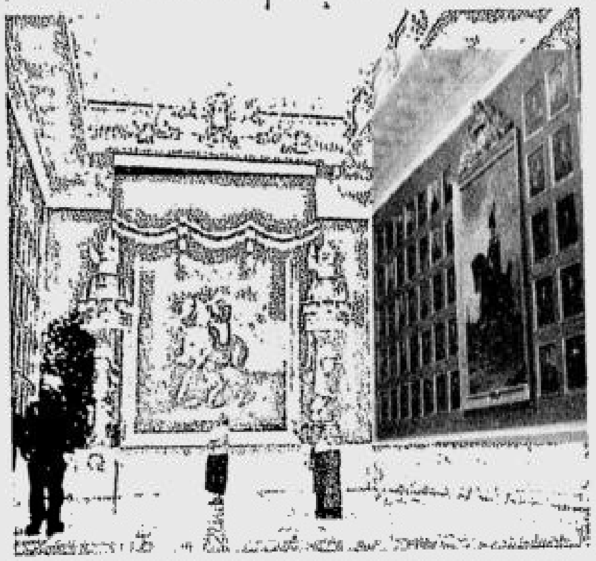

THE HERMITAGE Museum on the banks of the Neva River (top photo) and one of its galleries displaying the portraits of Russian war heroes (above)

AMAZING STRUCTURES

Catherine the Great's 'Hermitage'

IMAGINE having to walk around 24 kilometers on a guided tour, or having to stay inside an art gallery for 11 years just so you'll get to admire each and every exhibit?

Sounds farfetched? Think again.

Right in the heart of St. Petersburg, Russia, along the banks of the Neva River, lies one of the world's largest and oldest art galleries. The Hermitage Museum consists of about 322 galleries spread throughout its six buildings, the main one being the Winter Palace which used to be the official residence of Russian tsars. The Winter Palace was designed by Francesco Bartolomeo Rastrelli, an Italian architect who developed an easily recognizable style of late baroque architecture, and built from 1754 to 1762.

A treasure box of over three million works of art, the Hermitage displays the works of Michelangelo, Leonardo, Rubens, Van Dyck, Rembrandt, Poussin, Claude Lorraine, Watteau, Tiepolo, Canaletto, Canova, Rodin, Monet, Pissarro, Renoir, Cezanne, Van Gogh, Gauguin, Picasso and Matisse. It is said that the Hermitage's collection of Rembrandts is considered the largest in the world.

It also houses Russian imperial regalia, an assortment of Faberge jewelry and a collection of ancient gold.

It all began in 1764 when Catherine the Great acquired more than 250 paintings in Europe, even tasking Russian ambassadors to procure the best collections offered for sale. Catherine the Great then placed all paintings in an art gallery which she called "my hermitage," since very few people were allowed to see the masterpieces.

Dianne M. Villafuerte

THE A. VENUE RESIDENCES

Redefining 5-star difference

THE CONCEPT of living in modern high-rises has been steadily evolving over the years, as more and more single independent professionals and transient expats demand the convenience of living within the heart of the bustling metropolis. As such, developers of residential towers have been hard pressed to keep up with the demand as evidenced by the simultaneous construction of multistory towers within and near the vicinity of the country's top business districts.

Now a new standard of quality and luxury rises in the heart of Makati's bustling business district. Dubbed The A. Venue Residences, the new premier high-rise tower will soon redefine the concept of high-rise condo living by repackaging itself as a theme and lifestyle community that provides all the comforts and luxuries of a home combined with the amenities of a 5-star hotel and world-class resort.

Inspired by the concept of providing "a way of life" for those who will soon live within its walls, The A. Venue Residences raises the bar of luxury and service by incorporating the best elements of modern high-rise and hotel amenities and conveniences.

Redefining architecture

The A. Venue Residences is an image of new age architecture which features "structure by design," a state-of-the-art construction technique that allows for "beamless and column-free" designs. This results in residential suites that have more useable space, since all four walls support the structure for increased earthquake and fire resistance and security.

The design also allows for more freedom in interior design, since no unsightly columns and beams would limit the creative possibilities for décor. The increased space is an added bonus, since residents have more leeway in choosing furniture that will fit their lifestyle, without worrying too much about how it can fit in the condo space.

Merging luxury, service

Today's current residential towers physically separate its condo tenants with those living in the hotel side of the structure. There is also a distinction between the type of amenities that can be enjoyed by the two groups.

"At The A. Venue Residences, we raise the standards even further by doing away with this distinction and combining the amenities and service of both hotel-resort and regular condo living to create "full-service residential suites," said Felino Lao, marketing director for Antel Group of companies.

Lao also explained that residents of The A. Venue can enjoy the full services of a 5-star hotel, like concierge, formal reception, catering, room service, laundry and housekeeping, maintenance, transport, daycare and carwash services.

They can also avail of the world-class amenities and facilities, which include a grand ballroom, three interconnected 220-sqm swimming pool, a coffee shop, indoor game rooms, home theater lounge, a fitness center, a daycare center, a library and business center, a children's playground and a sauna for men and women.

Innovating mgt. services

While most acquire condo units for their own residential needs, other buyers invest in condo units for its pure business potential. To these select set of investors, the management, upkeep and marketing of their units are the most important factors they take into account when acquiring residential tower units.

At The A. Venue Residences, the solution to these factors is already provided with its in-house professional leasing and management services (PLMS). Thus investors can enjoy worry-free handling of their property by allowing the PLMS to take care of the nitty-gritty affairs while they await their monthly profit from their suites.

Proven expertise

The A. Venue Residences is the creation of Antel Land Holdings, an 18-year veteran in real estate development, with a deep portfolio in high-rise developments. This dynamic firm has proven itself, time and again, by producing both commercial and residential towers that cater to the needs of the discerning market.

In The A. Venue Residences, Antel has poured in its wealth of experience and fully funded through equity this landmark development to create the newest standard for high-rise construction in the country. And with its strict attention to detail, Antel has ensured that those who will soon live within the walls of The A. Venue Residences will discover a self-contained community where their every need is provided, packaged in a lifestyle that complements the way they want to live and enjoy life.

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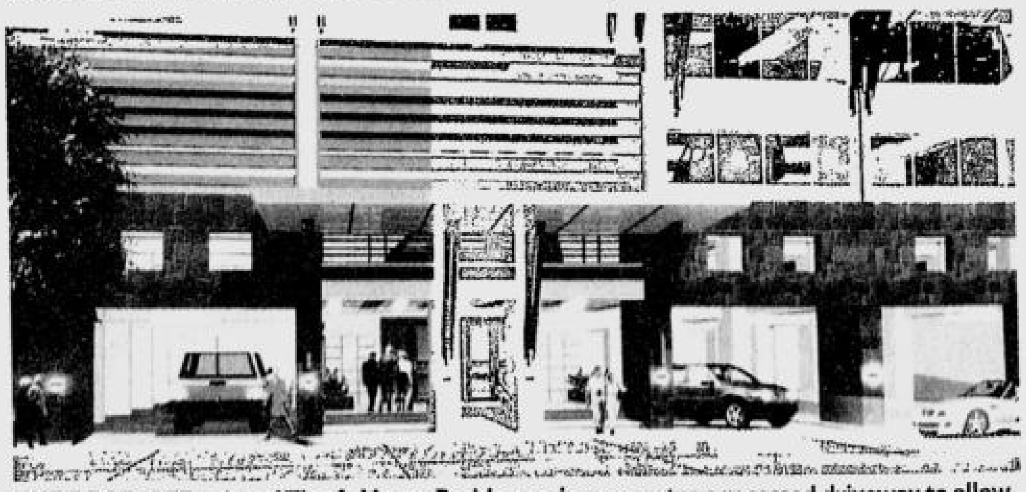

THE DROP-OFF point of The A. Venue Residences incorporates a recessed driveway to allow a more elegant loading and offloading of guests and residents.

Wide product range gives Boral plasterboard market edge

BORAL Limited, Australia's leading construction material company and the foremost name in plasterboard systems in Asia, is rapidly gaining a solid reputation and client base in the Philippines since its market entry seven years ago.

Boral's comprehensive plasterboard drywall and ceiling systems are now widely used by the country's commercial construction sector, and steadily gaining acceptance in the residential and renovation markets, company officials said.

Ben Murphy, Boral's country manager in the Philippines, attributed the increasing market preference for Boral plasterboard (gypsum board) to its superior product performance as well as its maximum flexibility in design.

"Boral plasterboard provides superior acoustic and thermal insulation performance, a classy seamless finish, fire resistance, ease of use and affordability," he said, adding that Boral plasterboard is readily available in the market for a variety of commercial and residential applications.

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Another popular product of Boral is Firestop, which provides exceptional fire retardant qualities, thus preventing the spread of building fires or slowing it down by as much as two hours. Unispan is a lightweight specialty plasterboard for ceilings that has fiberglass incorporated in the liner for reinforcement.

Boral plasterboards are extensively used in newer commercial, industrial and residential condominium buildings throughout the Philippines. Some prominent projects include the RCBC Plaza, the British School of Manila, Rockwell Condominium, Glorietta 4 and ABS-CBN. They are available at leading construction supply depots and hardware stores in major cities nationwide.

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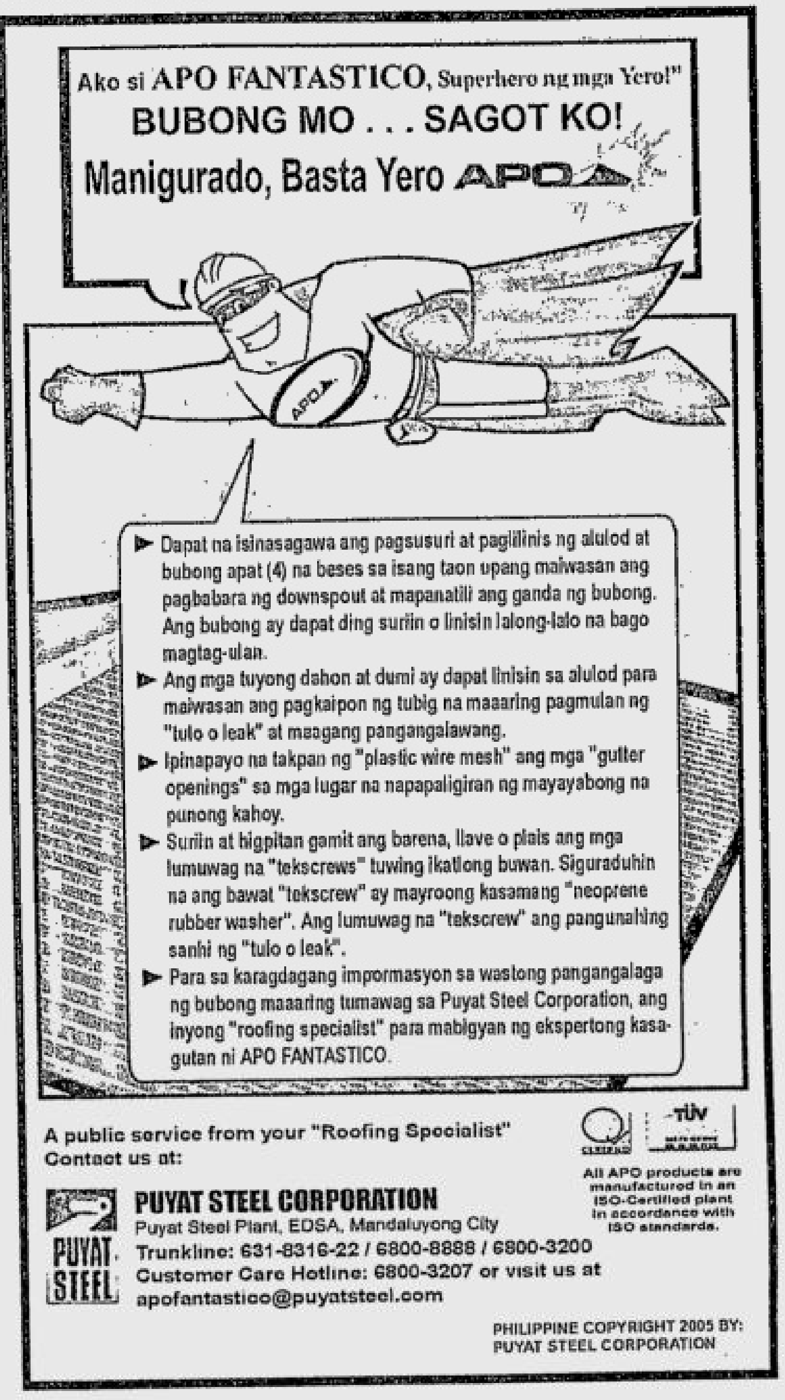

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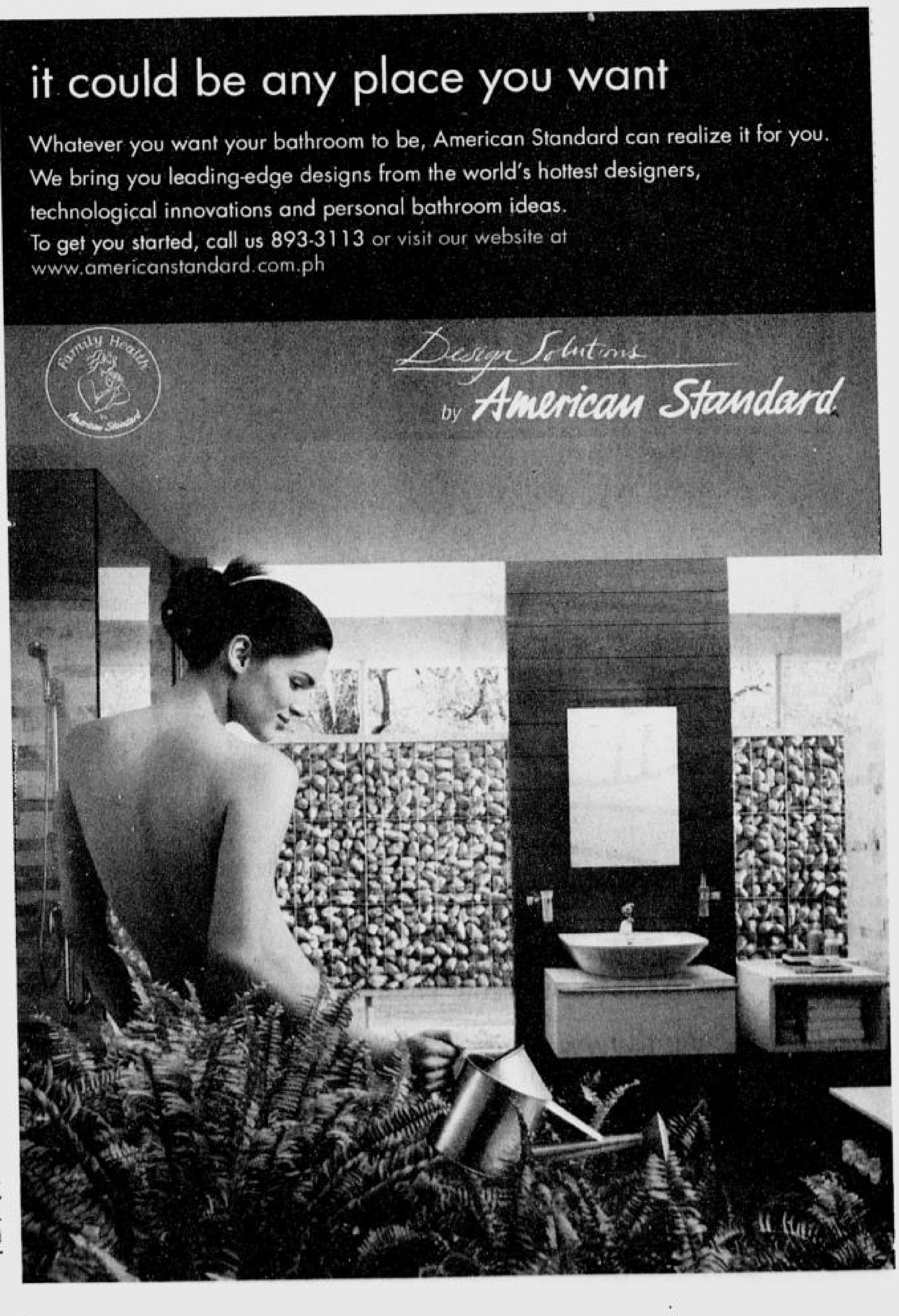

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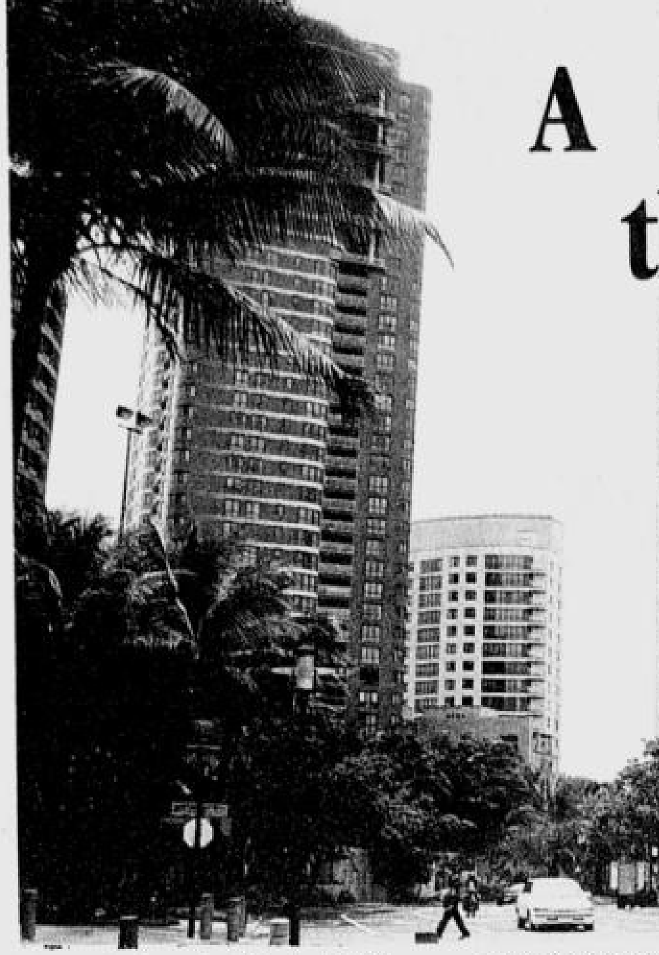
A decade of defining the 'Rockwell lifestyle'



ROCKWELL Center is a perfect example of merging the best of both urban and rural in one great design, as shown by the pocket gardens and tree-lined streets in and around its 15.5-hectare land.

ROCKWELL Center development serves as a breathing space and a peaceful corner away from bustling Makati City life.

Text and photos by Charles E. Buban

IT IS interesting to note that 10 years ago, Rockwell Center started out as a quiet venture for its developer, Rockwell Land Corp., whose sales executives went around inconspicuously looking for investors and buyers to presell its first two residential condominiums—Rizal Tower and Hidalgo Place.

Rockwell Land did so well that the following year, it launched two more residential condominiums (Luna Gardens and Amorsolo Square) and signed on its first locator, Nestlé Philippines.

By 2000, all its four residential condominiums were up and ready for occupancy while adding the Rockwell Leisure Club and the Power Plant Mall to Rockwell Center's fast changing landscape.

Today, Rockwell Center's marketing triumph is something that its developer can no longer play down as more and more developers replicate its formula as their blueprint for success.

Got the right combinations

"Perhaps, it was because we got the combinations right: Rockwell Center is the only one of its kind to integrate high-rise residential towers, an exclusive leisure club, an upscale shopping center, office locators and even a learning center (Ateneo Graduate School of Business and Law) in a resort-type setting within the Makati business district," says Rockwell Land president Tong Padilla.

He adds that they also set several industry trends that enlivened the market both here and abroad.

"When it comes to marketing abroad, Padilla says Rockwell Land has set an industry trend when, in 2002, it went to the United States—initially, to San Francisco, Los Angeles, Glendale and New Jersey—to offer its residential products to often neglected market composed of US-based Filipinos and their families.

"We were so successful that by the following year, our road shows were conducted twice a year, with an average of seven days spent in each area. The event is kicked off with a weekend open house at a prestigious local hotel. Since then, the road show has expanded to include San Diego, Las Vegas, Hawaii, New Jersey, Chicago, and Toronto in Canada," reveals Padilla. "It's a huge market and there's plenty for everybody."

Prime mall space

Even using prime mall retail space for displaying model units was already being employed by Rockwell Land as early as 2001 when it used Power Plant Mall's expensive retail space (at the ground level) to promote the Manansala model unit.

"Last year, we placed the Joya one-bedroom model unit near the mall's southeast entrance, which was followed a few months later with the construction of the Joya Loft model unit set adjacent to the mall," says Padilla.

Another first that Rockwell Land has introduced in its condominium development is the loft concept introduced last year in its Information Center building.

Loft concept

"The loft concept we have here at Rockwell is derived from Asian shop houses that boast of a high ceiling and floor-to-ceiling windows that allow maximum use of natural light and huge open space that provides a work or living area on the lower level and the bedroom on the upper level," reveals Padilla.

He says the loft serves as a classic way to create upscale residential atmosphere with the excitement and convenience of downtown living.

Indeed, Rockwell Center is far from its humble beginnings as a former thermal power plant. Closed in 1994, the Lopez Group's main challenge at the time was how to transform the property named after James Chapman Rockwell, Meralco's first president, into a first-class development.

The developer started by making sure the land will exceed to environmental standards. In 1998, Rockwell Center completed its very own sewage treatment plant and in 2000 launched an environment safety and health management system to institutionalize a systematic approach for the practice of environment safety and health protection in work areas as part of the requirements of operations for the Lopez Group of Companies.

"We want Rockwell Center to serve as a model for other developers to emulate. We have succeeded in putting up tropical, lushly landscaped grounds that provide stunning natural environment for our state-of-the-art buildings and facilities, we have solved the challenge of managing human and vehicle traffic within the development (constructing an interconnected underground network for residents and their vehicles), and we have established a system of managing our waste," says Padilla.

But for Padilla, success will only be achieved if their neighboring communities will be influenced by all the efforts they are doing at Rockwell Center. "Only then can I say that we have propagated the Rockwell lifestyle."

DMCI Homes integrates features of a resort into condominium living

SOMEWHERE on Ortigas Avenue Extension in Pasig, there's an elegant residential strip similar to those lining the Italian-Mediterranean coasts to where the fabulous and the wealthy fly whenever the mood strikes them.

Though sand and seawater are absent in the picture, the two mid-rise condo buildings rising on one side of a magnificent clubhouse at East Ortigas Mansions, one of DMCI Homes' anchor residential developments targeting urban professionals, give their occupants a feel of the Mediterranean style of living and holidaying.

For one thing, the Alicante and Ibiza buildings housing their units exude much of the Italian-Mediterranean look. Roofs made of terra cotta, barrel-type tiles and wide, rectangular windows taking on the colors of the curtains suggest graceful ageing of the structures. Then, there's the calming vista of vast open spaces all around broken here and there by patches of well-tended gardens, tree-lined promenade and quaint parks.

And pool of crystal-clear water beckons where sand and sea should be.

Already, most of the Alicante and Ibiza condo units were snapped up even before the properties were completed in 2002, prompting DMCI Homes, the real estate arm of construction mogul D.M. Consunji Inc. (DMCI), to erect two more condominium buildings at East Ortigas Mansions.

Additional structures

Alfredo Austria, DMCI Homes managing director, said the additional structures, to be named Roma and Venezia Buildings, will rise on a parcel of property on the main entrance of East Ortigas Mansions. "We expect construction to be completed by the first quarter of next year," Austria said. "The new buildings will make available only 110 units and 49 parking spaces so, given the market's warm reception to our initial offering, we expect another short selling period."

Of prime importance to buyers of DMCI Homes" Ortigas properties, Austria explained, is location. East Ortigas Mansions' proximity to the Ortigas Center, the Libis Commercial Area, Greenhills, The Global City at The Fort, and the financial district of Makati considerably cuts down a homeowner's travel time to his workplace.

The Venezia and Roma Buildings, according to Austria, will feature improvements of the standard East Ortigas Mansion's residences. Both condominium buildings will be five-story structures, and instead of relying solely on walk-up stairs, an elevator tower servicing all floors will be wedged between them.

SERVING many purposes, a place for mingling with your neighbors or simply a spot for relaxation, the clubhouse is located right in the center of East Ortigas Mansions.

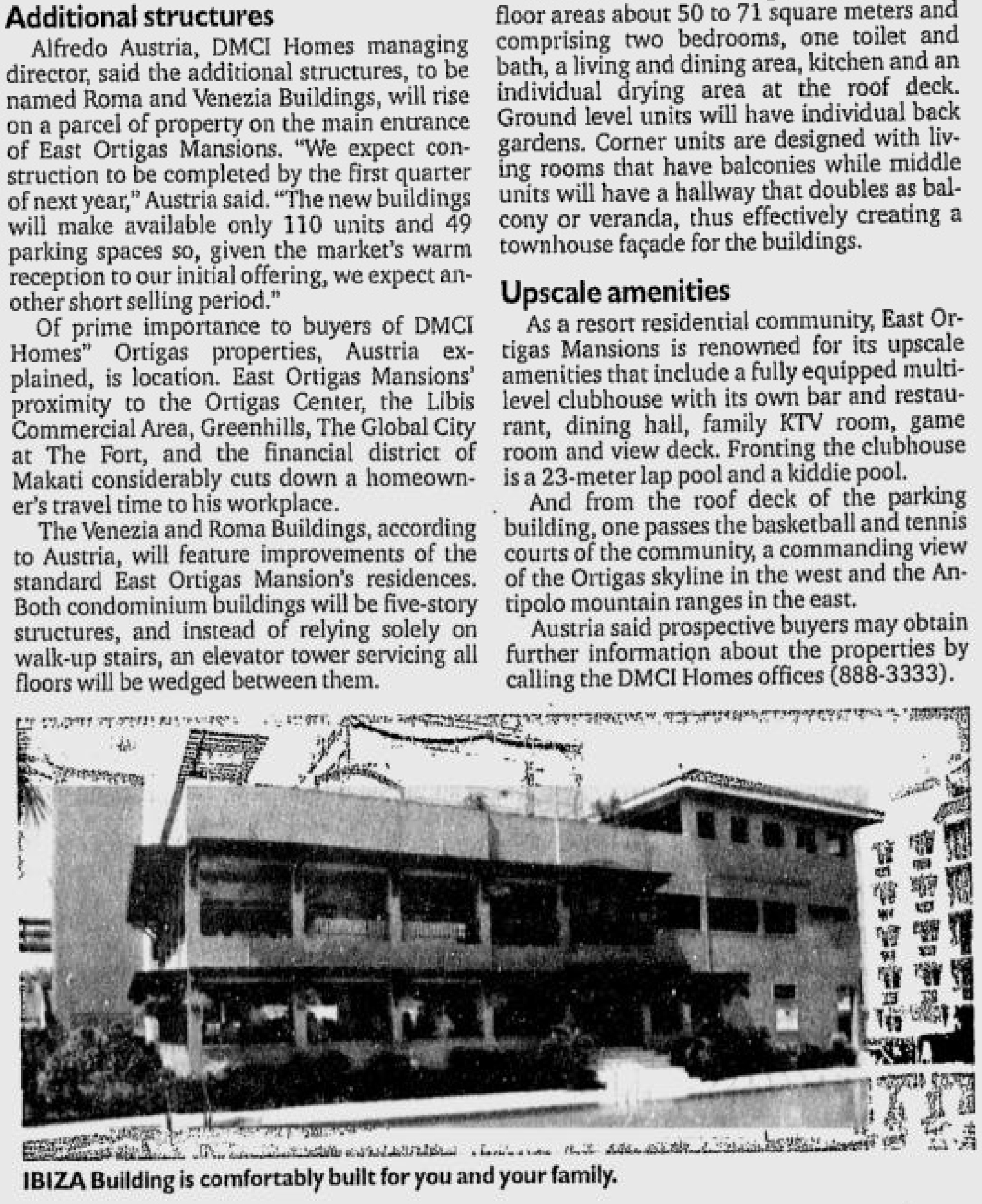
Units at the two buildings will have bigger floor areas about 50 to 71 square meters and comprising two bedrooms, one toilet and bath, a living and dining area, kitchen and an individual drying area at the roof deck. Ground level units will have individual back gardens. Corner units are designed with living rooms that have balconies while middle units will have a hallway that doubles as balcony or veranda, thus effectively creating a townhouse façade for the buildings.

Upscale amenities

As a resort residential community, East Ortigas Mansions is renowned for its upscale amenities that include a fully equipped multi-level clubhouse with its own bar and restaurant, dining hall, family KTV room, game room and view deck. Fronting the clubhouse is a 23-meter lap pool and a kiddie pool.

And from the roof deck of the parking building, one passes the basketball and tennis courts of the community, a commanding view of the Ortigas skyline in the west and the Antipolo mountain ranges in the east.

Austria said prospective buyers may obtain further information about the properties by calling the DMCI Homes offices (888-3333).



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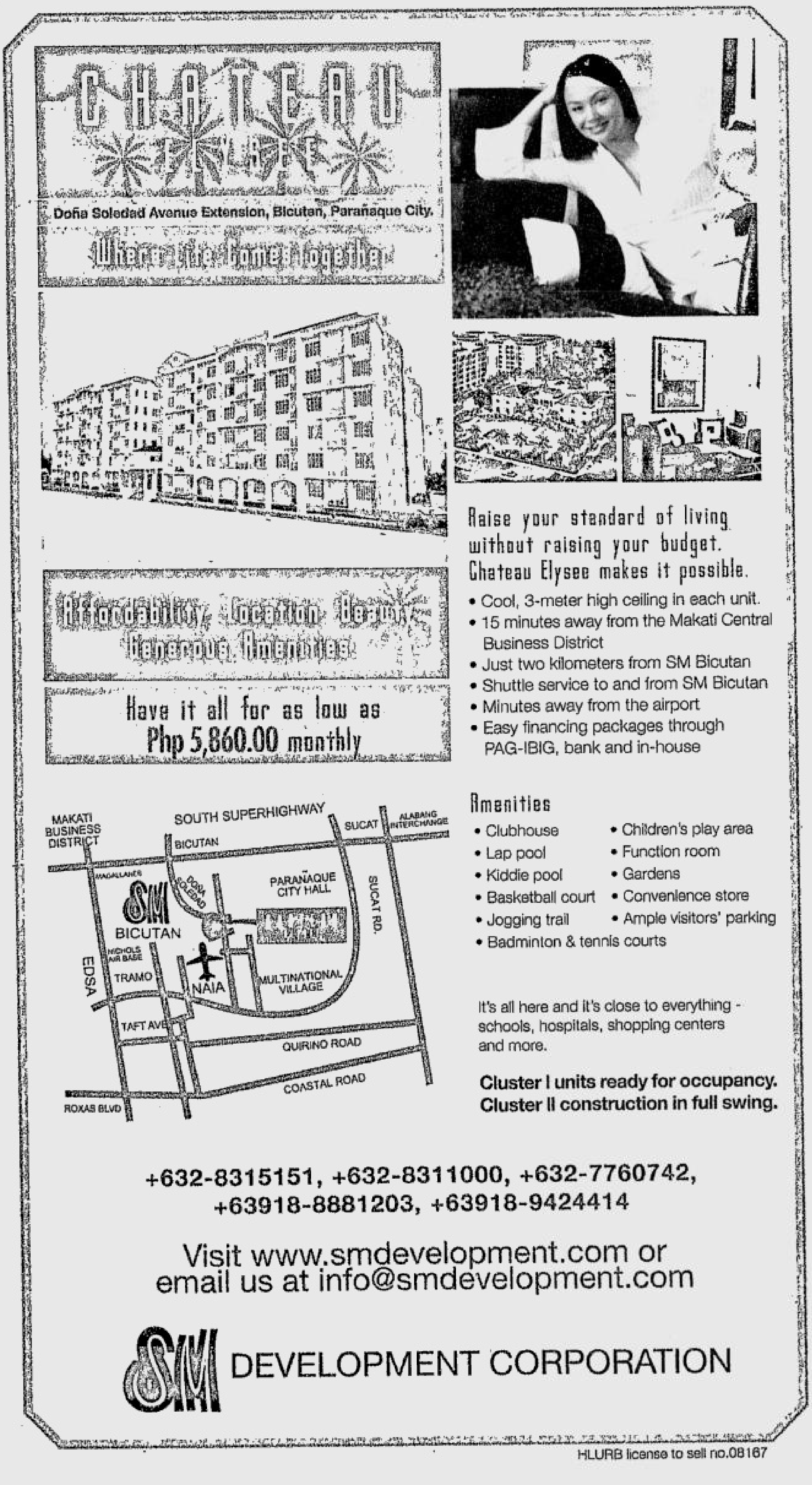

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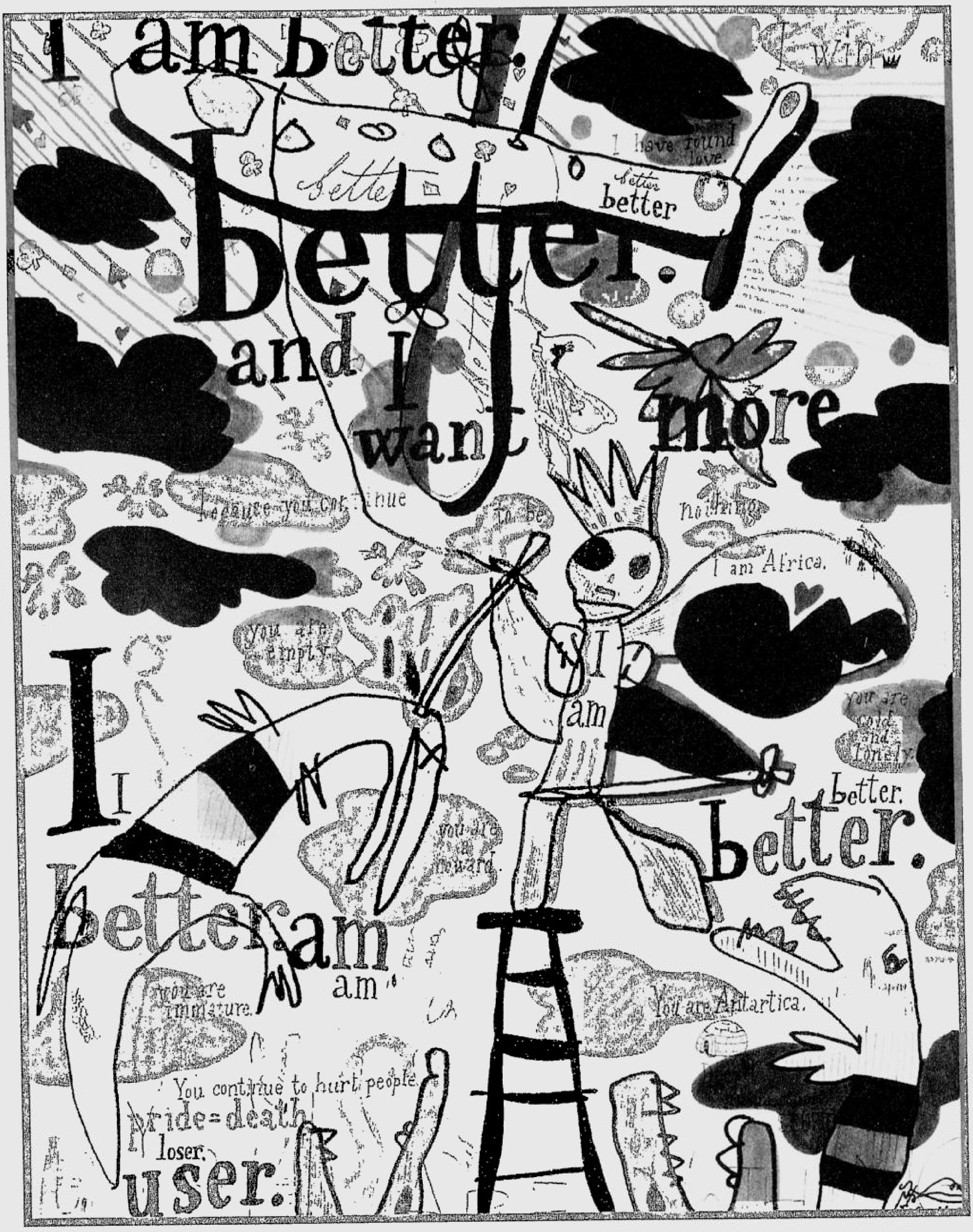

Up yours, mister!

It's not about living a normal life, it's about living an extraordinary existence

By Katrina A. Holigores
Original artwork by Jason Moss

COME rant with me. Has the past week (or weeks) been rife with frustrations? Have you or the people around you been screwing up royally? Texts gone unanswered, clients non-committal, phone calls never returned, delays, misunderstandings, plain old incompetence slapping you left and right? Well, if you are like any normal hot blooded individual I can bet with my own blood boiling in my veins that you came pretty close to just losing it or fuhgeddahbout-ing whatever it was you wanted to achieve. I remember seeing a T-shirt once upon a time with the very funny (albeit pathetic) slogan, when all else fails ...lower your standards. Well, today, despite what I wrote above, I'm going to tell you to up yours... standards that is.

Obviously, we cannot change the world in a day. Or even in a hundred, but we can certainly do our part to make sure that on our little patch of earth, we are contributing in a positive way to the rest of society. Unless you are born without any human compassion, or a conscience, then it may be time that you start throwing mundane excuses out the door. It's not about living a normal life, it's about living an extraordinary existence. Sounds too poetic, overly dramatic and damn near unachievable right? Well, as vehicular tycoon Henry Ford was once quoted "Whether you think you're going to fail or succeed, you're absolutely right." If you don't even **try** to be a cut above the rest, then you have already banished yourself to be just like the rest. So again, when everyone else has lowered their standards... up yours.

But everyone comes late you say, so? If you are to be known for something then let people know that you are **considerate** enough with the awareness of time to allow for more things to be achieved during the day. Hey, the world does not and never will revolve around **you**, bigshot, that's what the sun is for. If people around you have lowered their expectations of time-keeping then up yours. If you are heading a group, whether as a manager, president, or just head of your school org then set an example. If you dictate a time and place to meet, make sure to do whatever it takes to be **there** according to what you have set. It doesn't matter if everyone else lags behind, you look to yourself as the leader. If it happens often enough, the more valuable members of your group will take note of that, and hopefully up their own practice of time management. All in all, you set an example, and at least you can say you did your part, even in a perceived small way. Time is gold as the cliché goes.

Mean what you say. Paying lip service is such an ingrained way of life in our country, "I'll call you," "I'll get back to you" is a promise, not a conversation ender. If you need to tell someone that you are **not** going to make it, not going to give them the job, not going to see them, then they deserve to know. If others have reduced themselves to saying just about anything in order to end something, then step up. Be a man, or a woman, and mean what you say. You have committed to someone else a response, and they in turn have trusted you to keep your word. It's just a phone call, or a text to say yes or no, how much time does one need to do that. You have the hottest phone/PDA and/or iBook in the market with Wifi capabilities... and yet they never hear from you again. (Twilight Zone soundtrack) I assume that you don't like to be kept hanging, or more appropriately termed made "*bitin*" so why would you assume anyone else would?

Oh, and as a footnote... flakes... should only belong in cereal, snow and uncared for scalps. You plan not to show up? Let them know... you have no intention of going? Let them know too, in the nicest possible manner. "I'll try" I have come to learn is a very weak, tail between the legs "No."

Maybe I am too idealistic, and maybe my expectations are too high. But honestly, I am convinced that there are loads of people out there from the very young to the very old who still believe in progress, and not just on the economic scale but on the maturity one. It is simply the awareness that there are others who have taken a risk in you by believing that you will deliver what you say you will. They have made the effort to be available when you say to be available and they also put their faith in your sincerity. So, as we enter into another weekend, you may want to look at the quality level of life of your peers and colleagues and decide if it's time to up yours. End of rant.

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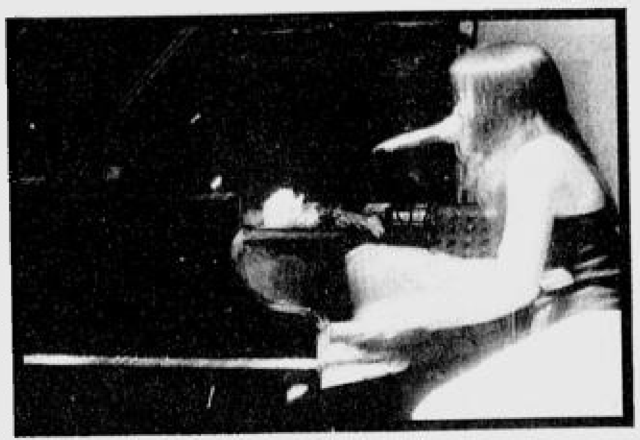
Arty Party

Paolo R. Reyes
Janine Cuenca-Dario

THE WORLD of art is sometimes perceived to be the haughty turf of the highbrow—an imperious place fraught with highfaluting discourses on aesthetics and an unhealthy dose of pomp. In recent times, however, its overbearing image has been tempered to take on a more accessible and approachable disposition. And as three exhibits next will attest, art—in its most unfeigned form—can also be, well, quite fun.



KATE Torralba's soul seduction

Fundraiser filmviewing of 'Ang Pagdadalaga Ni Maximo Oliveros'

Cinemalaya Jury Prize winner "Ang Pagdadalaga ni Maximo Oliveros" will have three special screenings at 2 p.m., 5 p.m., and 7 p.m. today at the UP Film Institute Cine Adarna (formerly UP Film Center). The screenings are being held to raise funds for the participation of the film in the coming Montreal World Film Festival where it will compete against entries from 14 other countries.

Aside from winning the Cinemalaya Jury Prize, the film was awarded for Best Production Design (by Christina Dy, Clint Catalan, and Lily Esquillon) and a special citation awarded to first-time actor Nathan Lopez for his breakthrough performance as Maximo Oliveros, a preteen boy who falls in love with a policeman. "Ang Pagdadalaga ni Maximo Oliveros" is written and produced by Michiko Yamamoto ("Magnifico") and Raymond Lee ("Milan") of ufo Pictures and directed by award-winning filmmaker Auraeus Solito. Call the UP Film Institute for details—9263640.

Classic Punk Night @ Saguijo, 10 tonight.

Saguijo [7612 Guijo St., San Antonio Village, Makati, phone: 897-8629] holds a concert tonight dedicated to the filth and the fury of Old School Punk. Catch indie bands Boy Elroy, Too Late the Hero, Letters of Paul, Ciudad, Wild Mood Swings, Tension, and Monsterbot as they belt out classic covers from The Ramones, The Sex Pistols, The Clash and other punk pioneers.

Kate Torralba @ Absinth, Aug. 22 & 29

Witness another facet of multi-talented fashion designer Kate Torralba in "Soul Seductions," where she sings soulful pop/rock melodies while weaving her magic on the piano. This year's "I am Super!" Awardee for Music and Fashion will be playing at Absinth [3/F Greenbelt 3, Ayala Center, Makati, phone: 757-4966] on the last two Mondays of the month.

Traits Très Mode: French fashion illustration now, Aug. 23

After making its way through Amsterdam, the travelling exhibit, "Traits Très Mode: French fashion illustration now," stops over in Manila on Tuesday to showcase the works of 15 internationally renowned fashion illustrators, graphic designers, and animators. Also to be unveiled is a fashion show featuring 14 Filipino designers whose works were inspired from the French fashion illustrations: Louis Claparols, Ivar for Tan-Gan, Ignacio Loyola, Relan Mata, Tippi Ocampo, Randy Ortiz, LZ Punzalan, Mitzi Quilendrino, Kate Torralba, Barge Ramos, Happy David (accessories), Nicolette Bell and Lulei Avecilla (women's shoes), and Brian Tenorio (men's shoes). 8 p.m. at the Rockwell Tent, Rockwell Center, Makati. Call 895-7585.

18 Stations to Death and Dementia, Aug. 23

Installation artist Yason Banal creates a stage for high art, show business, soft porn, and religion to collide in "all their glorious mysteries." "18 Stations to Death and Dementia" will feature film, landscape, and performance stills, as well as text, installation, and video, fused together into an extravaganza of ideas and colors, stars and starlets, and a suicide note. The exhibit will open on Thursday at 5 p.m. at the Silver Lens Gallery, Bonifacio Global City, Taguig. Call 816-0044.

Lens @ Embassy Cuisine, Aug. 24

The San Miguel Super Dry Bar Series, "Lens," which held a series of photography exhibits last July, will host another night of visual art, high energy, and great music at Embassy Cuisine [The Fort, Bonifacio Global City, Taguig, phone: 816-4195] on Wednesday at 8:30 p.m. View the works of Andy Maluche, Jake Versoza, Mark Nicdao, Sara Black, and other participating lensmen while you lounge to the chill house grooves of DJs Karl Ty and Cao Ocampo. Call 895-7471.

La Baila @ Maestro Lounge, Aug. 26

Weekend hotspot Maestro Lounge [2/F Caffe Maestro, 1780 Nicanor Garcia St., Makati, phone: 899-7322] invites you to "La Baila" this Friday, Aug. 26, at 10 p.m. Sip and groove to the blissful beats of Calypso DJs Marie Garcia, Martin Tiangco, Roman Mojica, Chuppy Celdran and other guest DJs.

> **Art—in its most unfeigned form—can also be, well, quite fun**

Other 24/7 Super! events:

Aug. 20, Saturday

National Anthems with NBK DJs at Mezze; Classic Punk Night at Saguijo; Superfly Saturdays with Karl Ty at Maestro; Steve Mills at Temple; Supermodel Saturdays at Embassy Club; Soundsgood DJs at Embassy Cuisine; Dip n' Drop at V Bar; Jazz Night with Sandra Lim-Viray, Jacqui Magno, & Romy Posadas at Wasabi; Johnny Alegre Affinity & Isha at Churchill's, Edsa Shangri-La; Spy at 70s Bistro; DJs Patch & Paolo Abaya at Absinth; DJ Scratchmark at Prince of Jaipur; Club MYX at Halo; Retro Night at Quisine; Savagely Sexy Saturdays at Bed; Meat Packin' Saturdays at Government; Ntwine & Wiseguys at Suburbia.

Aug. 21, Sunday

CouchLab DJs at Tiananmen Bar; "Homage to La Orosa: Filipinescas" at the CCP Main Theater; Aaron Pormarejo exhibit at Ricco-Renzo Galleries; Francesco Riccardo Monti exhibit at UST Museum of Arts and Sciences.

Aug. 22, Monday

Tropical Depression at 70s Bistro; I Don't Like Mondays! with DJ Ro at Gweilos Makati; Acoustic Soul with Release at Temple; Jazz Trio at Captain's Bar; CouchLab DJs at Tiananmen Bar; Behind Closed Doors at Conway's; Kearney Street at Suburbia.

Aug. 23, Tuesday

Willy Wanakah's Music Factory with Joffy Cruz at Gweilos Makati; Tropikasya at Strumm's; Wunjo at 70s Bistro; Mayonnaise, Mofo, Diana Rising, Pope, Food for the Critters, Spelling Contest, & Elevator Action at Saguijo; Ebony Grooves at V Bar; Velvet Party at Absinth; Steak Tuesdays with DJs Scratchmark & Chris Adalba at Halo; Velcro at Suburbia; Spirit of 67 at Captain's Bar.

Aug. 24, Wednesday

Faces Nights with Boyet Almazan at Mezze; Wunjo, Olympic Smoker, & Severo at Saguijo; Come As You Are: '90s Music at Absinth; House of Rock with Mayonaisse, Razorback, DRT, Kapatid, Stonefree, & Monkeyspank at Halo; Superklasse with Johnyverse & Mars Miranda at Embassy Club; Pido at 70s Bistro; Ladies Night at V Bar; Essential Grooves with James Mcranie at Future@Halo; Retro Night with Bobby Nolasco at Prince of Jaipur; Silk at Suburbia.

Aug. 25, Thursday

MTV Pilipinas Video Music Awards at Araneta Coliseum; German Silent Film Festival's "Destiny" with Cynthia Alexander at SM Megamall Cinema 6; All Souled Out Motown Tracks at Mezze; Mishka Adams & The Blue Echoes at Wasabi; Ciudad, Silent Sanctuary, Blast Opie, Empty Siren Boulevard, & Soapdish at Saguijo; Cueshe & Zyncxation at Suburbia; VEN Thursday at V Bar; RIDDM with DJ Patch at Absinth; Phuture Thursdays at Bed; Chocolate Milk at Government; Noel Cabangon at 70s Bistro.

Aug. 26, Friday

HouSessions with Manolet Dario at Mezze; Decadance with Boyet Almazan at Jill's; MyHOUSE with Elian Habayeb at M Café; Superfly DJs at Nuvo; Jazz Night with Johnny Alegre Affinity at Wasabi; Steve Mills at V Bar; Musik at Embassy Club; The Jerks at 70s Bistro; CouchLab DJs at Embassy Cuisine; BBC's Future Lounge with Mike Constantino at Future@Halo; Spy, Jun Lopito, Dong Abay, & Christmas Lights at Saguijo; Jive Fridays at Temple; Friday Night Flava at Dish; Twisted Pair & Freeverse at Suburbia; Gogo Fridays at Bed; Fierce Fridays at Government; Anghellic at Halo; Acoustic Jive at Quisine; DJ ScratchMark at Prince of Jaipur.

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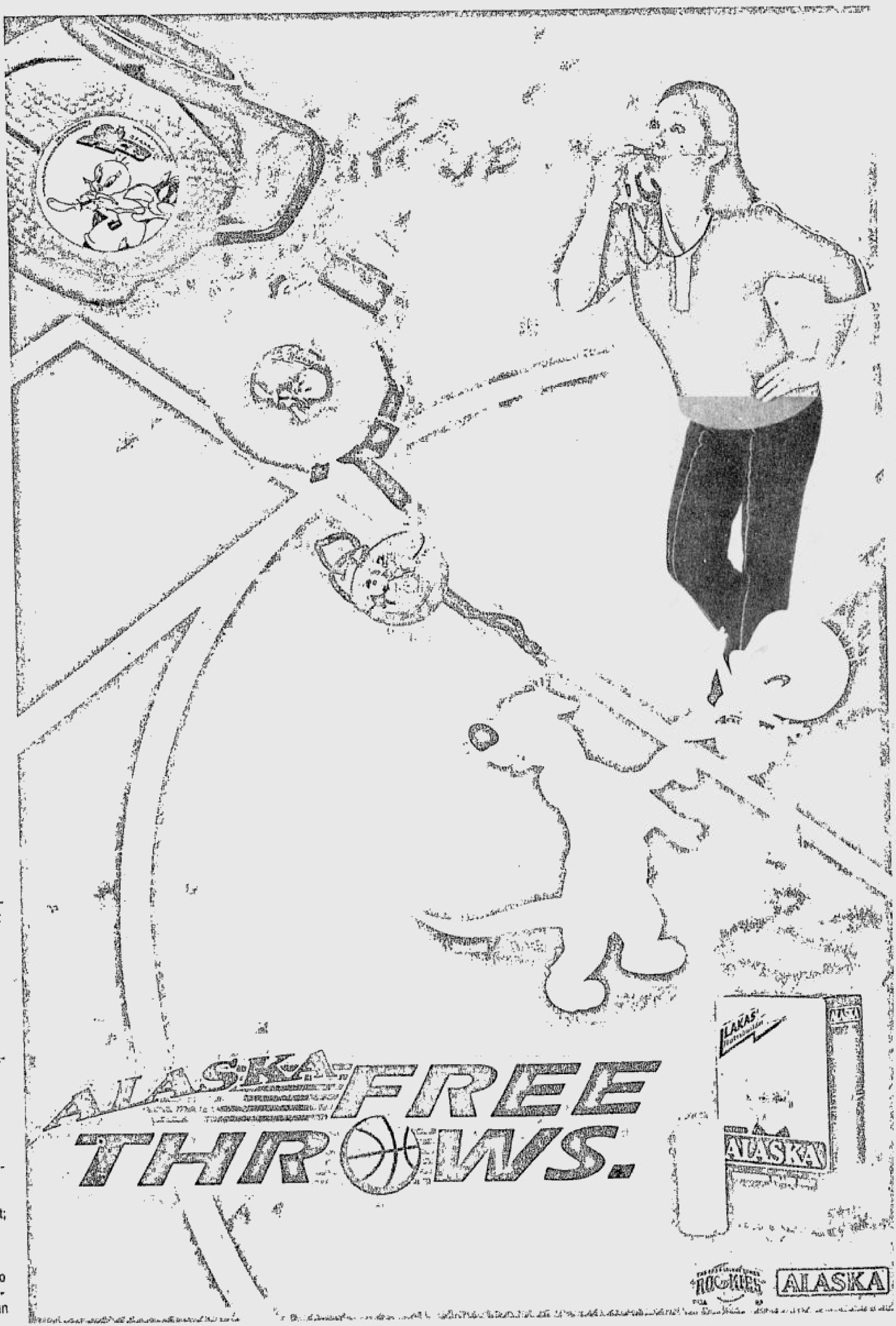

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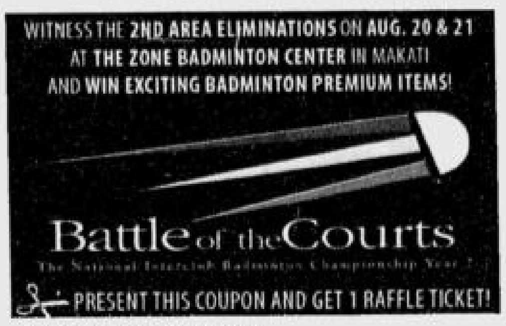

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BURLESK BANAL. "Been there, been that!"

Anything but Banal

By Tony Ty
Contributor

WHEN Imelda Marcos placed 18 dioramas depicting her life story alongside the Sto. Niño Museum in Tacloban City, she not only alluded to the Way of the Cross but also her beatification as a saint. But hardly anyone raised an eyebrow anymore, for we've had more than our usual dose of politicians, celebrities and criminals tearfully parading themselves as scarred victims of oppression to gain public sympathy. To be martyred, after all, isn't atypical of Pinoy culture.

Inspired by this context, Yason Banal fills up the Silver Lens Gallery this month with a show that weaves illusion and reality, fantasy and gore, providing a stage for pop culture and the real world to collide in all their glorious madness. Entitled 18 Stations to Death & Dementia, the eclectic, often quirky show features film stills, fake photography and installation, as well as text, performance and video, fused together into an extravaganza of ideas, pop stars and starlets, and suicide notes.

"The show is about almost-icons," Banal said. "How they are created. How they aspire, and survive. To be an icon, you have to die, or at the very least, to get hurt. Thus, the word 'Death' in the show's title. Dementia comes in when an icon creates a certain world, tales, legends, a mythography around the persona, for it to survive."

Banal has created elaborate shrines for these survivors. The real life stabbing of Imelda Marcos, for example, is placed alongside Kris Aquino's horrifyingly-acted slasher films. There is an installation on various pop interpretations of ecstasy, from religious highs to sexual depravity. There is also a constellation of porn stars coupled with internet bloggers. A statement, which was written on a suicide note by a little-known starlet named Stella Strada, sums it all up: "It's a crazy planets."

Banal thinks it is. For his residency at the London Metropolitan University, he crafted a monument to the serial killer-cum-performance con artist Andrew Cunanan, whose claim to fame was the murder of fashion superstar Gianni Versace. Called "The Legend of St. Andy Q. St.," the piece wove together an awkward legend of history, myth, biography and religion.

The project also pushed further Banal's interest in "desire, identity and fantasy as well as death, pornography and love. I hope to create an off-balanced narrative with images, objects and actions that are suggestive and enigmatic, not authentic and cathartic."

Mad world

Banal is no stranger to catharsis. As a performance artist, he had worn a nun's habit while imprisoning himself in an ice cream cart to convey repression; paraded women—and braved security—in various installation-gowns around SM Megamall for his own demented take on the Santacruzan; and, wrapped himself in *saran* wrap decked with various pica-pica, because he himself was the art piece and his own birthday cake.

But his art isn't just the random musings of

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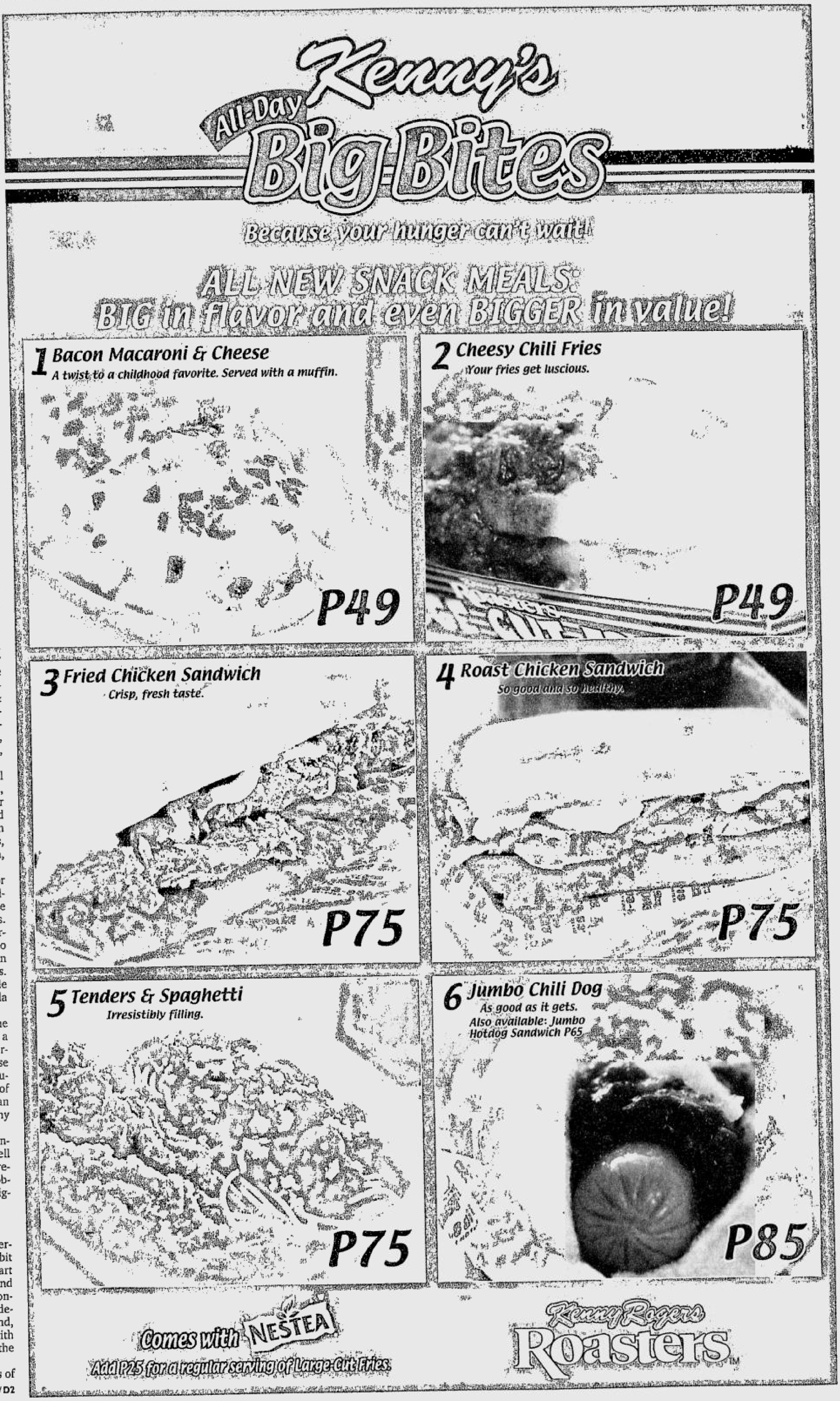

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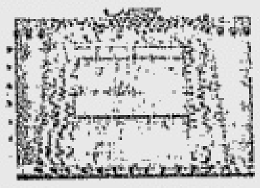

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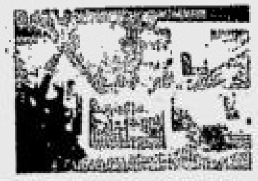

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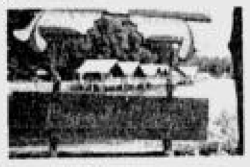

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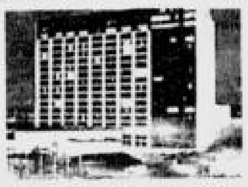

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IT'S NO SECRET. Havaianas invades Pearl Farm with Ormusa, Tisha, Ronnie, Karrie and Shawn

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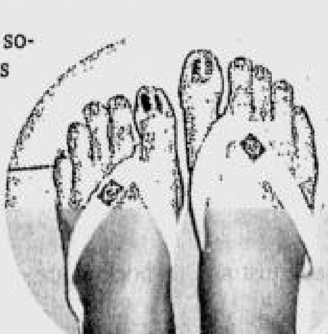
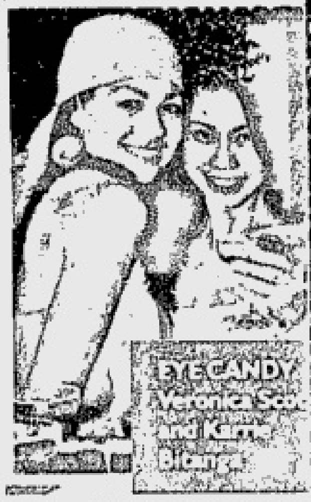
STEPPING into the 7,107 islands one shoreline at a time, Super! awardee Anne Arcenas found able partners in the Southern and Western Mindanao areas of our beloved Philippine isles in the shoes, I mean sandals of southern stylesetters Marga Montemayor and Patricia Ang.

Super! joined the flip flop crew in Davao, hopping from happening boozestop Bar 1 to the Pearl Farm paradise in celebration of the arrival of these Brazilian beauties in magical Mindanao. In between, we got to traipse around the stores, cafes and hot spots that carry Havaianas, the "World's Best Rubber Flip Flops," in the durian and pomelo capital of the nation.

Since I cannot join Super's resident Brazilphile Tals Diaz (she is currently in Brazil on a capoeira mission) and cannot match Pam Pastor's vast collection of Havaianas that could rival that of Imelda's Ferragamos, I just soaked up the sun, Suka't Sili and suha, clad of course, in my chocolate brown Havaianas.

To end our slipper sojourn, we sang our hearts out, foot in mouth, dishing out hits that had to do with our island obsession. It was a relaxing and refreshing weekend—pretty much like Havaianas themselves.





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DERELICTE IN DAVAO. Miko Palanca at Pearl Farm

Photos by Mark Nicdao • Makeup by Xeng Zulueta, chief makeup artist of Shu Uemura

Sometimes a fanta is all you need

"MYSTERIOUS, glamorous and decadent" were the words on everyone's lips at the recent launch of Shu Uemura's latest Autumn/Winter Mode Make-up Collection entitled "Masquerade." Since the 1960s when Mode Make-up was first launched, Shu Uemura has gone beyond offering just the latest make-up trend by expressing thought and philosophy while bringing together creativity and natural beauty. This year's collection is Shu Uemura's 121st and to celebrate, Shu Uemura again partnered up with Smart Infinity and Nokia to put together another breakthrough concept event. They transformed the upper deck of Italian restaurant Caffe Maestro into a Venetian Masquerade lounge, adorned with feathers, masks and pearls in every corner to provide guests with original and memorable experiences.

From beginning to end, guests were spoiled with Italian fare and drinks from Bailey's and Smirnoff Vodka that never ran out. And the highlight wasn't just the packed party and eclectic company, but the live make-up demonstration by Shu Uemura International make-up artist Hirofumi Kouno who was flown in all the way from Japan just to present the collection for the guests.

Mr. Kouno mesmerized the audience by creating the Masquerade looks on two models to the tune of a classical symphony. Whether fans of make-up or not, it was a demonstration of beauty and art appreciated by everyone.

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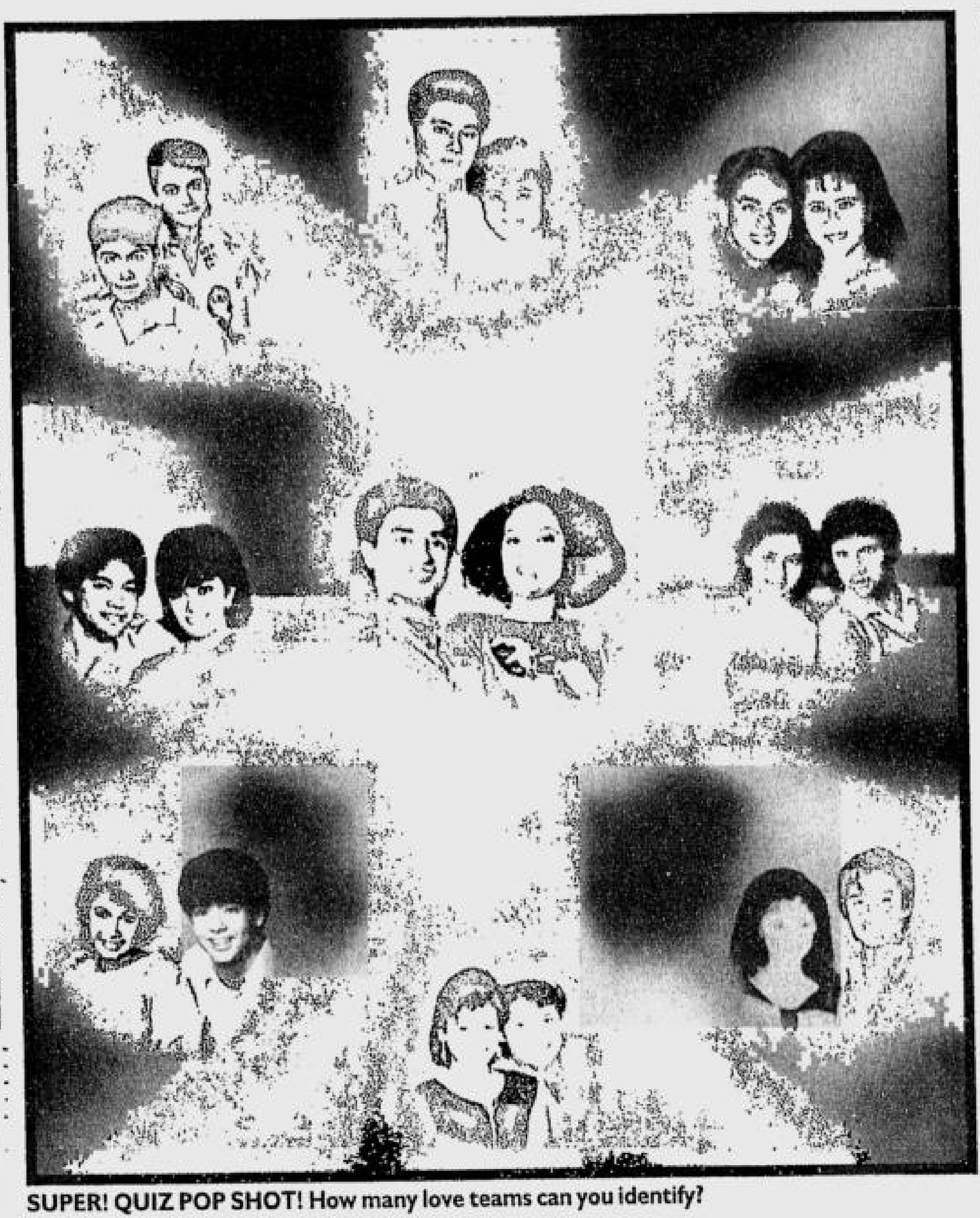
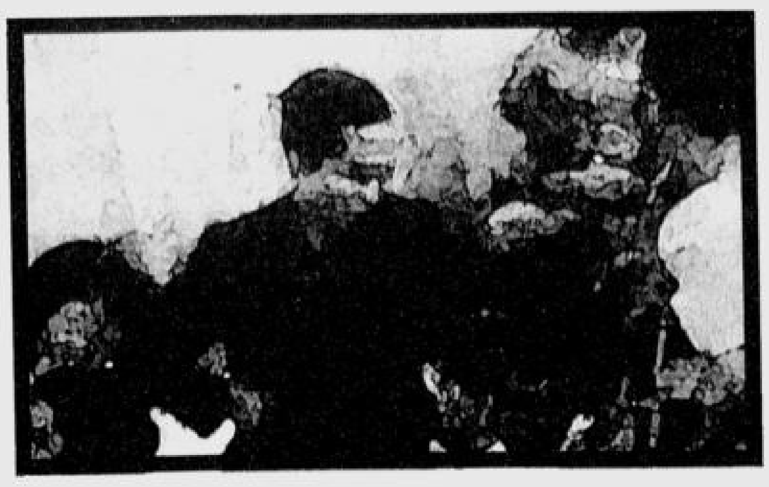
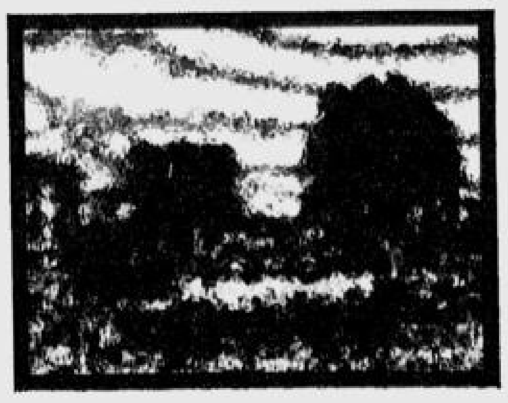
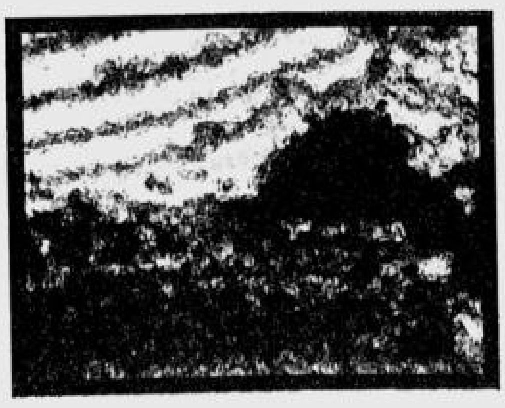
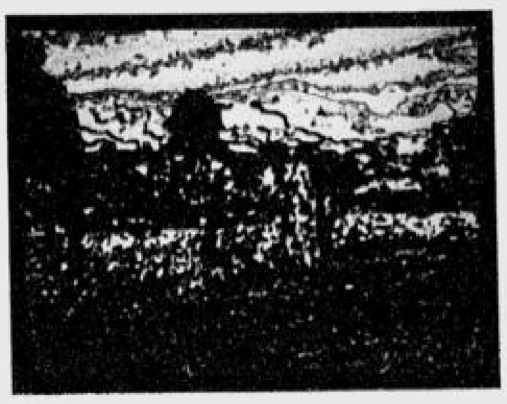


SUPER! QUIZ POP SHOT! How many love teams can you identify?









Yason Banal's art isn't just the random musings of a criminal mind

Anything but Banal

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a criminal mind. Banal is backed by a BA in Film and Audio-Visual Communications from the University of the Philippines, an MA in Fine Art from Goldsmiths College, University of London, UK, and a Certificate in Experimental Fashion from Central Saint Martin's, also in the UK. In other words, there's more to the art than meets the eye.

Aside from the obvious political connection between Imelda Marcos and Kris Aquino, for example, they are also blood-sisters in terms of concepts and ideas. Marcos, as a real person, endured an assassination attempt with a big knife; Aquino, as a movie character, made a career out of being attacked, bludgeoned or hacked to death by knives. Both women are scarred, publicly flogged martyrs of—what they believe as—love.

"Ceasing to be themselves, people who have become icons eventually become concepts, the ideas fueled by a life of its own, particularly visual culture," he continues.

The pornstar constellation, for example, is a galaxy of people scarred by their aspirations to become stars. Though the origin of pornography traces itself to the very roots of classic art, at least in terms of nudity, porn has largely been regarded as the other side of culture.

Going beyond the Banal

Banal's art isn't just about shock value, it's about art that isn't afraid to go out on a limb for a statement, in this case how needlessly fascinated people have become of icons, which, in the end, are really nothing more than figments of the imagination. Just go to certain nightspots on a Saturday night, and one can see how some people would rather sell illusions of themselves rather than present themselves as who they really are. If media can blur these lines, then perhaps so can we.

Going through these 18 Stations shows us how desensitized we've all become to illusions, violence, and scandals of all sorts. We can always blame the media, but in reality, we have no one to blame but ourselves.

Naturally, Banal's art is open to interpretation. It's all about the audience. This is what's good about 18 Stations. His art exemplifies the refreshing, oftentimes uncomfortable, effects of art that breaks boundaries, pushing ideas beyond their limits, eventually bringing audiences to a deeper, more profound understanding of themselves. It is the joy of art that works best by working against convention.

18 Stations to Death & Dementia opens on Aug. 23, 2005 at the Silver Lens Gallery, and will run up to Sept. 14. The gallery is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call 8160044.

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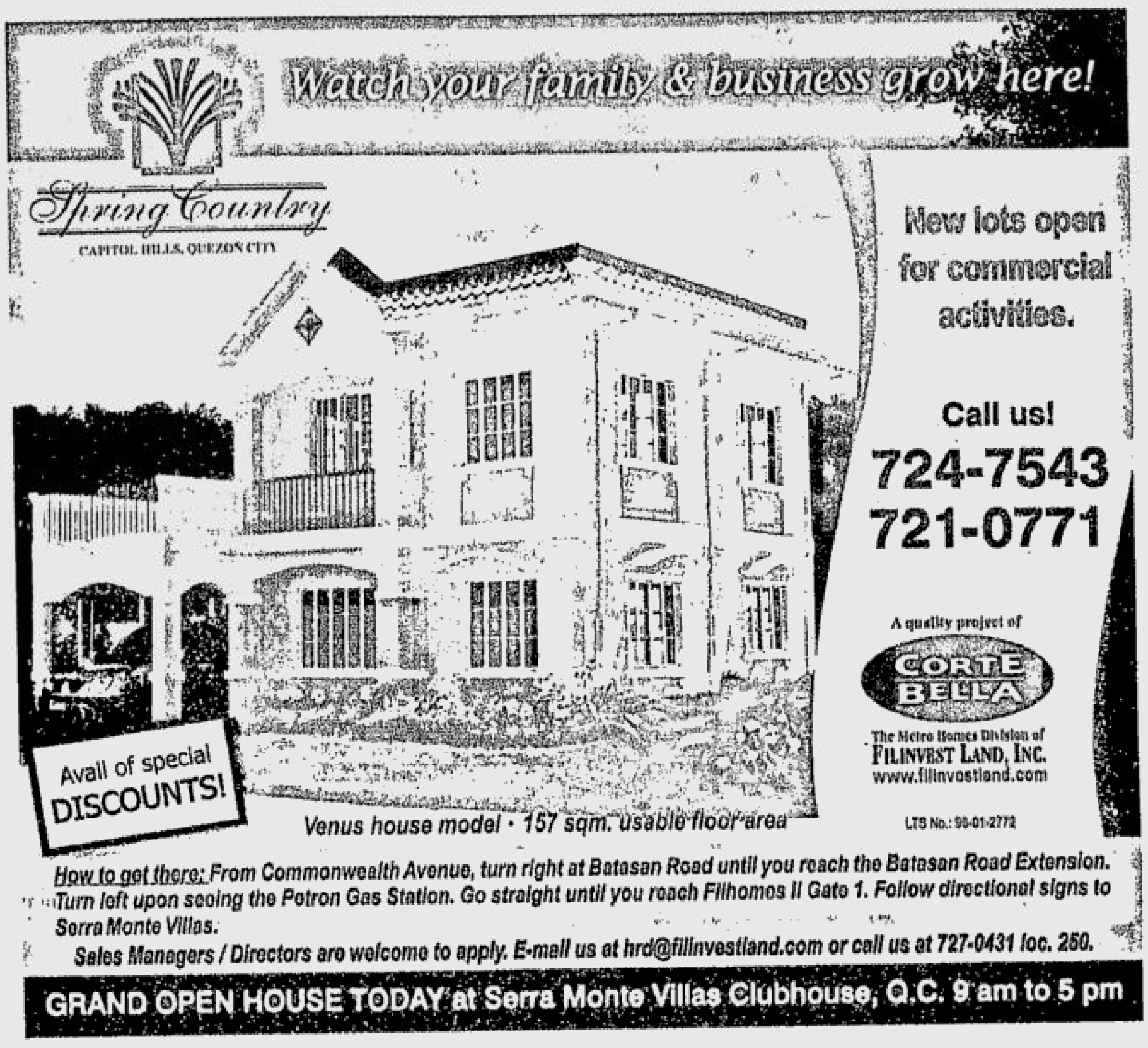

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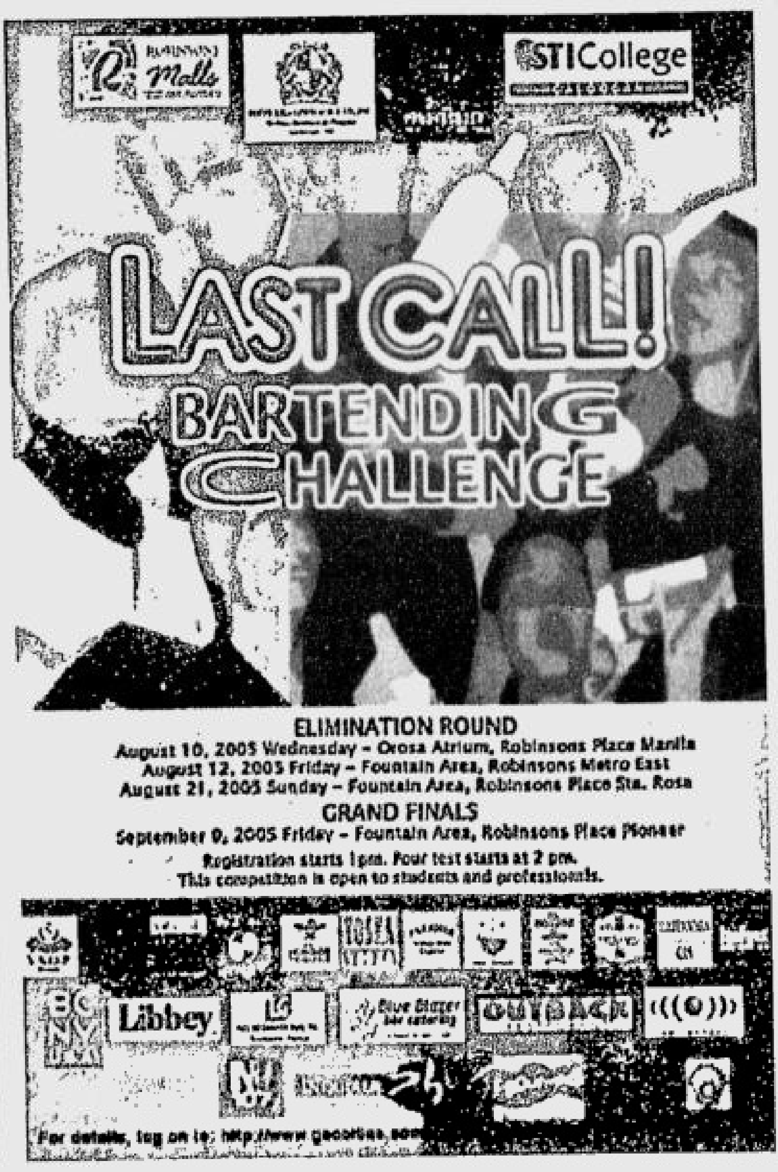

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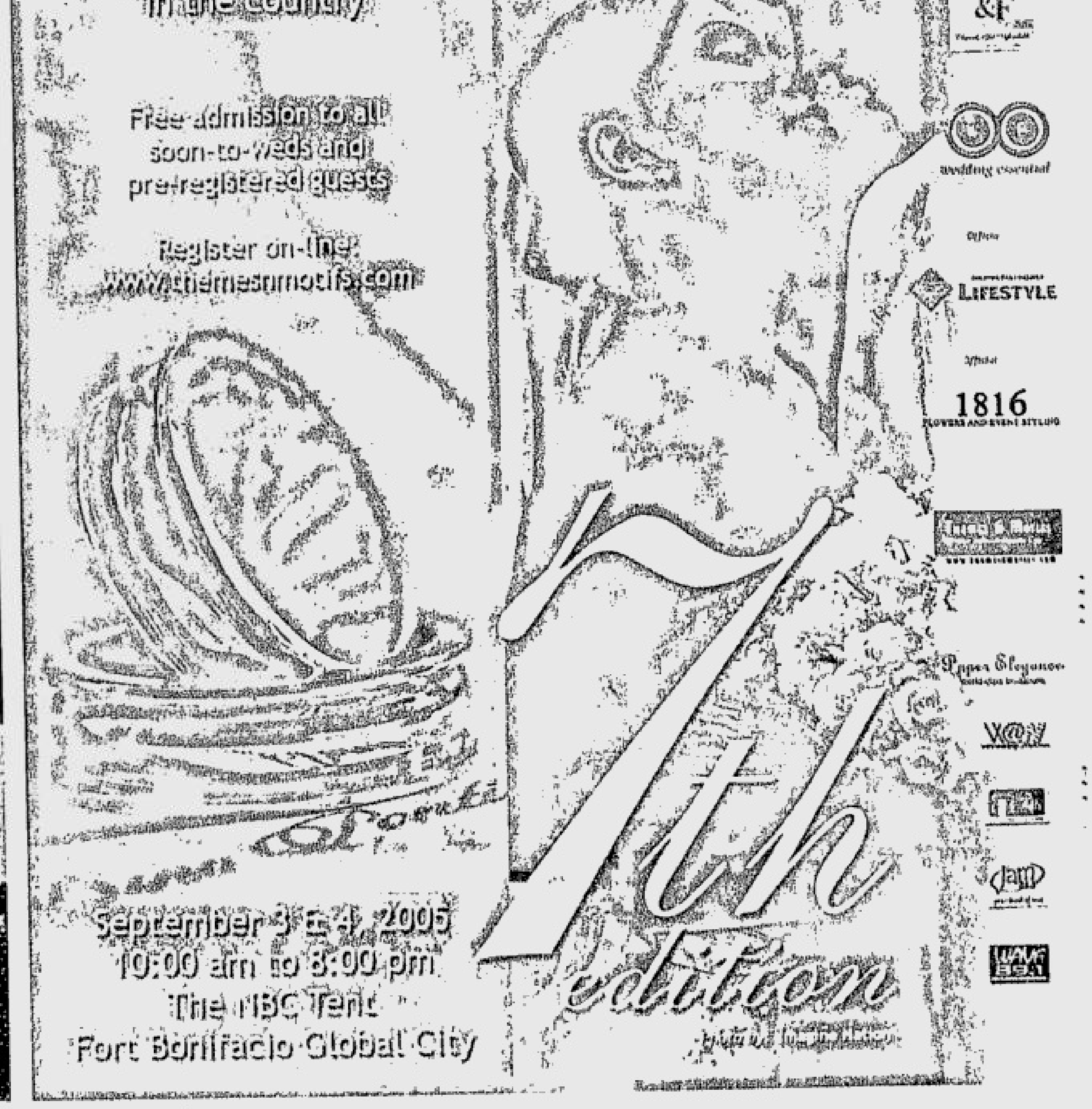

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